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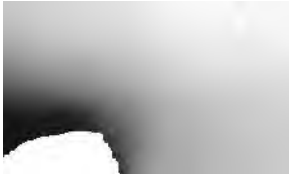

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REV. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., Church of the Nativity	Huntsville.
" ROBERT W. BARNWELL, Trinity Church, Demopolis, and St. Andrew's, Macon,	Demopolis.
" T. J. BEARD, St. John's Church,	Mobile.
" R. H. COBBS, D. D., St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', and St. Wilfrid's, Marion	Greensboro'.
" *THOS. A. COOK, Planters' Institute	Alpine P. O.
" *F. W. DAMUS, St. Paul's Church, Whistler, and St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill,	Mobile.
" *J. C. DAVIS, St. James' Church	Eufaula.
" ALEX. I. DRYSDALE, Christ Church,	Mobile.
" FRANK HALLAM, St. Paul's Church,	Selma.
" GEORGE H. HUNT, Christ Church,	Tuskaloosa.
" F. B. LEE, St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, St. Mary's Church, Camden, and Grace Church, Portland	Minter, Dallas Co.
" J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Trinity Church,	Mobile.
" CHARLES MORRIS, Church of the Advent,	Birmingham.
" *W. J. PERDUE,	Gadsden.
" *J. M. ROBERTSON,	Huntsville.
" S. U. SMITH, St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene, and St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw	Eutaw.
" J. F. SMITH, St. Luke's, Jacksonville, Missions at Anniston and Montevallo, and St. Peter's, Talladega,	Talladega.
" WM. A. STICKNEY,	Faunsdale.
" *HORACE STRINGFELLOW, D. D., St. John's, Montgomery, St. Mark's, Prattville, and St. Paul's, Lowndesboro'	Montgomery.
" *J. H. TICKNOR, D. D., Emanuel Church,	Opelika.
" D. B. WADDELL, Troy, Union Springs and Grace Church, Clayton,	Clayton.

DEACONS.

REV. CHAS. E. CABANISS, Grace Church, Morgan Co., Decatur, and Athens,	Huntsville.
" A. KINNEY HALL, St. Alban's, Gainesville, and St. James' Church, Livingston	Livingston.
" *D. F. HOKE,	Jacksonville.
" FRANK B. TICKNOR, St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro', and St. Mark's Church, Prattville	Prattville.
" *JAS. A. VAN HOOSE,	Sewanee.

*Those marked thus (*) were not in attendance.

Deaconesses.

Sister HARRIETT	Church Home,	Mobile.
" ELIZA	" "	"
" GRACE	" "	"
" REBECCA	" "	"
" IRENE	" "	"
" ELIZABETH	" "	"

Postulants.

LOUIS L. WILLIAMS.
JAMES D. PORTER.
HENRY J. WINN.

Candidates for Deacon's Orders.

EDWARD L. STICKNEY,
M. R. JARVIS,
ASA J. ROBERTS,
STEWART McQUEEN,
W. T. KING JONES.

Lay Readers.

W. T. WALTHALL, Mobile.
EDWIN SHEILD, Uniontown.
A. BENNERS, Greensboro'.
J. W. CLAY, Huntsville.
H. H. WHETSTONE, Lowndesboro'.
JAMES H. FITTS, Tuskaloosa.
HENRY J. WINN, St. David's.
DAVID BUELL, Greenville.
ALEX. COLVILLE, Tallassee.
WM. D. WHETSTONE, Prattville.
WM. MINOR LILE, Trinity.
W. T. LITTLE, Anniston.
JAS. H. GRAY, Decatur.
A. C. MATHESON, JR., Camden.
ASA J. ROBERTS, Mobile.
CHAS. L. STICKNEY, Greensboro'.
R. M. JARVIS, Selma.
DAVID H. MINGE, Fairfield.
LUTHER S. SKINNER, Tuskaloosa.
PETER BRYCE, Tuskaloosa.
JAMES W. HALL, Geneva.
D. POYNER, Eutaw.
JOHN H. FORNEY, Jacksonville.
J. ROY BAYLOR, JR., Trinity.
D. F. PROUT, Demopolis.
JOB TURNER, a deaf mute.
H. E. WILLARD, Decatur.

List of Lay Deputies.

Christ Church, Mobile—

*R. S. Bunker,
Henry Barnewall,
W. H. Ross,
F. B. Clark,
*J. C. Hamilton.

Trinity Church, Demopolis—

F. S. Lyon,
E. H. C. Bailey,
J. R. Robertson,
C. B. Whitfield,
George J. Michael.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion—

Powhatan Lockett,
*S. W. McKerral.

St. Paul's Church, Carlowville—

*H. G. Alison,
*T. B. Lee,
*J. D. Alison,
*B. Reynolds.

St. James' Church, Eufaula—

H. C. Hart,
W. H. Bray,
H. R. Shorter.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station,

W. P. Gordon,
W. P. Bocock,
W. W. Dugger.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,

*John M. Langhorne,
Jos. M. Davidson,
*John W. Bush,
Edwin Shield.

Trinity Church, Mobile—

*Wm. G. Jones,
*H. T. Toulmin,
*Robert Adams,
*R. Moore.
*L. A. George.

St. Mary's Church, Camden—

A. C. Matheson, Jr.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'—

Chas. L. Stickney,
Edward Bayol,
V. G. Snedecor,
*A. Benners,
W. H. Locke.

St. James' Church, Livingston—

Thos. Cobbs,
W. R. DeLoach,
B. F. Herr,
*R. F. Thornton,
*J. B. Cobbs.

St. Paul's Church, Selma—

*N. H. R. Dawson,
R. M. Nelson,
Wm. Berg,
E. G. Gregory,
*E. P. Galt.

St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville—

*John H. Forney,
*Peyton Rowan.

St. John's Church, Mobile—

James Bond,
*W. H. Beatty,
*H. H. Cribbs,
*P. C. Candidus,
*Dan Harris.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo Co.—

David Minge,
A. J. Bethea.

St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro'—

H. H. Whetstone,
*Thos. Douglass.

Church of the Advent, Birmingham—

*L. A. Howser,
*Wm. Gesner,
*R. H. Pearson,
*S. W. Gillespie,
W. L. Mudd.

Grace Church, County Line—

A. K. Hall,
*T. Boykin, Jr.

Those marked thus (*) were not in attendance.

Officers of the Convention.

PRESIDENT.

THE RIGHT REV. RICHARD HOOKER WILMER, D. D.

Secretary.—REV. RICHARD H. COBBS, D. D., GREENSBORO'.

Treasurer of the Diocese.

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Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

MR. STEPHENS CROOM, MOBILE.

Registrar.—MR. GAYLORD B. CLARK, MOBILE.

Standing Committee.

REV. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., President,.... MOBILE.
REV. THOS. J. BEARD. MR. W. G. JONES,
REV. ALEX. I. DRYSDALE, MR. F. B. CLARK,
MR. JAMES BOND, Secretary,..... MOBILE.

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MESSRS. N. W. PERRY, R. MOORE, JAMES BOND,
MOBILE, ALA.

Examiners.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.
" GEO. H. HUNT,
" R. H. COBBS, D. D.
" H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D.
Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, D. D.
" J. A. MASSEY, D. D.
" T. J. BEARD.

Literary Examiners.

Rev. F. W. DAMUS.
Rev. ALEX. I. DRYSDALE.

Convocations,

AS APPOINTED FOR THE YEAR 1878.

1st. CONVOCATION OF HUNTSVILLE.

Rev. J. M. Banister, D. D., Dean.

This Convocation, for the present, will embrace the counties of Madison, Limestone, Lawrence, Franklin and Lauderdale.

2d. CONVOCATION OF TUSKALOOSA.

Rev. Geo. H. Hunt, Dean.

This Convocation, for the present, will embrace the counties of Sumter, Greene, Tuskaloosa, Jefferson, Blount, Etowah, Calhoun, Talladega and Shelby.

3d. CONVOCATION OF SELMA.

Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D., Dean.

This Convocation, for the present, will embrace the counties of Dallas, Perry, Marengo, Hale, Choctaw and Wilcox.

4th. CONVOCATION OF MONTGOMERY.

Rev. Horace Stringfellow, D. D., Dean.

This Convocation, for the present, will embrace the counties of Barbour, Russell, Tallapoosa, Lee, Elmore, Bullock, Montgomery, Butler, Conecuh, Lowndes and Autauga.

5th. CONVOCATION OF MOBILE.

Rev. J. A. Massey, D. D., Dean.

This Convocation, for the present, will embrace the city of Mobile and parts adjacent.

Journal of Proceedings.

The Forty-Seventh Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, assembled in Trinity Church, Demopolis, May 8th, 1878.

Morning Prayer was said at 11½ o'clock A. M., and the Sermon was preached by the Rev. FRANK HALLAM, from the texts:

EPHESIANS: Ch. 4, Verse 13.—"Till we all come * * * to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fulness of CHRIST."

EPHESIANS: Ch. 1, Verses 22 and 23.—"The head over all things to the Church, which is His Body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all."

Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rev. ROB'T W. BARNWELL, the Rector of the Parish.

After Service the Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. President, who presented the following

List of Clergy entitled to a Seat and Vote in the Convention of 1878.

RIGHT REV. RICH'D H. WILMER, D. D.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.
" ROB'T W. BARNWELL,
" T. J. BEARD,
" CHAS. E. CABANISS,
" R. H. COBBS, D. D.
" F. W. DAMUS,
" J. C. DAVIS,
" ALEX. I. DRYSDALE,
" FRANK HALLAM,
" A. KINNEY HALL,
Rev. GEO. H. HUNT,
" F. B. LEE,
" J. A. MASSEY, D. D.
" S. U. SMITH,
" J. F. SMITH,
" W. A. STICKNEY,
" HORACE STRINGFELLOW, D. D.
" J. H. TICKNOR, D. D.
" F. B. TICKNOR,
" DEB. WADDELL.

The Secretary of the last Convention called the Roll as thus presented, and the following answered to their names, viz:

RT. REV. RICH'D H. WILMER, D. D.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.
" ROB'T W. BARNWELL,
" T. J. BEARD,
" CHAS. E. CABANISS,
" R. H. COBBS, D. D.
" ALEX. I. DRYSDALE,
" FRANK HALLAM,
Rev. A. KINNEY HALL,
" GEO. H. HUNT,
" F. B. LEE,
" J. A. MASSEY, D. D.
" S. U. SMITH,
" J. F. SMITH,
" W. A. STICKNEY,
Rev. F. B. TICKNOR.

In compliance with the Canon, the Treasurer of the Diocese presented the following list of Parishes entitled to representation in this Convention:

Christ Church, Mobile,
Grace Church, Portland,
St. James' Church, Eufaula,
St. John's Church, Mobile,
St. Michael's Church, Marengo Co.
St. Paul's Church, Decatur,
St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill,
St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',
St. Paul's Church, Selma,
Athens Mission,
Anniston Mission,
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,
Grace Church, Morgan Co.
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,
St. John's Church, Montgomery,
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,
St. Mary's Church, Camden,
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,
Trinity Church, Demopolis,
St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station,
St. James' Church, Livingston,
St. Peter's Church, Talladega,
Montevallo Mission.

The List of Parishes so entitled was then called, and Credentials of Lay Deputies were presented and referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. S. U. SMITH, HALLAM and CABANISS.

This Committee reported the following Lay Deputies entitled to seats:

Christ Church, Mobile.

R. S. Bunker, F. B. Clark, Henry Barnewall,
W. H. Ross, J. C. Hamilton.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

Chas. L. Stickney, A. Benners, Edward Bayol,
V. G. Snedecor, W. H. Locke.

St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.

John H. Forney, Peyton Rowan.

Trinity Church, Demopolis.

F. S. Lyon, E. H. C. Bailey,
J. R. Robertson, C. B. Whitfield, George J. Michael.

St. James' Church, Livingston.

Thos. Cobbs, W. R. DeLoach,
B. F. Herr, R. F. Thornton, J. B. Cobbs.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.

Powhatan Lockett, S. W. McKerral.

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James Bond, W. H. Beatty,
H. H. Cribbs, P. C. Candidus, Dan Harris.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo Co.

David Minge, A. J. Bethea.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station.

W. P. Gordon, W. P. Bocock, W. W. Dugger.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

John W. Langhorne, Jos. M. Davidson,
John W. Bush, Edwin Shield.

Their names being called, the following were found to be present, viz:

Messrs. H. Barnewall, Messrs. F. B. Clark, Messrs. W. H. Ross,
G. J. Michael, Edward Bayol, F. S. Lyon,
E. H. C. Bailey, W. P. Bocock, W. H. Locke,
J. R. Robertson, E. G. Gregory, James Bond,
C. B. Whitfield, Edwin Shield, B. F. Herr,
P. Lockett, R. M. Nelson, Wm. Berg,
W. R. DeLoach, A. J. Bethea, H. C. Hart,
C. L. Stickney, W. W. Dugger, W. H. Bray,
Jos. M. Davidson, Thos. Cobbs.

Total, 26; representing eleven Parishes.

A quorum being present, the President announced the Convention duly organized.

Rev. R. H. COBBS, D. D., was nominated and elected Secretary.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Convention shall begin its sessions at 9 o'clock A. M. daily, and continue until 2½ o'clock P. M.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 9 o'clock A. M. Thursday.

SECOND DAY.

DEMOPOLIS, May 9th, 1878.

After Prayers by the President, the Convention was called to order, pursuant to adjournment. The Roll was called and a quorum found to be present. Rev. DEB. WADDELL appeared and took his seat.

The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Credentials of Lay Deputies from Parishes in arrears be presented and referred to a Special Committee.

Rev. Mr. DRYSDALE, Mr. BERG and Mr. JOS. M. DAVIDSON, were appointed on this Committee.

On motion, the Rules of Order for the last Convention were adopted for the government of this Convention.

The Standing Committees were announced as follows:

On the State of the Church.—Rev. J. A. Massey, D. D., Rev. F. B. Lee, Rev. S. U. Smith, Rev. J. F. Smith, Rev. Rob't W. Barnwell, Messrs. W. H. Bray, Edwin Shield, W. P. Bocock, J. R. Robertson.

On Canons.—Rev. Geo. H. Hunt, Rev. J. M. Banister, D. D., Rev. Alex. I. Drysdale, Rev. Frank Hallam, Messrs. F. B. Clark, James Bond, Thos. Cobbs, P. Lockett.

On Finance.—Messrs. R. M. Nelson, W. H. Ross, F. S. Lyon, H. C. Hart, C. L. Stickney, B. F. Herr, Rev. T. J. Beard, Rev. W. A. Stickney, Rev. DeB. Waddell and Henry Barnewall, Treasurer of the Diocese.

On Unfinished Business.—Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D., Mr. W. R. DeLoach.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese presented the following Annual Communication:

The Standing Committee elected at the last Convention of the Diocese respectfully report that it was organized May 4th, 1877, by the election of the Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., President, and JAMES BOND, Esq., as Secretary.

At the same meeting Committee signed Testimonials in favor of the Rev. PETER WAGER, asking to be recommended to the Bishop, with a dispensation, for Priest's Orders.

May 14th.—The Committee recommended to the Bishop, the Rev. A. JAEGER, late a Baptist Minister, to be received as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

July 11th, 1877.—Mr. A. J. ROBERTS was recommended to the Bishop to be ordained Deacon.

Nov. 12th, 1877.—FRANK B. TICKNOR was recommended to be admitted to Deacon's Orders and STEWART McQUEEN to be admitted as a Candidate for Orders.

January 8th, 1878.—The Standing Committee signed the Testimonials of the Rev. J. H. ECCLESTON, D. D., Bishop elect of the Diocese of West Virginia, and of the Rev. GEORGE F. SEYMOUR, D. D., Bishop elect of the Diocese of Springfield.

February 9th, 1878.—The Committee considered the application of the Rev. CHAS. E. CABANISS, for a dispensation under Section 6: Canon 2: Title I of the Digest. After mature deliberation, during which the most affectionate respect and confidence in Mr. CABANISS were manifested by every member of the Committee, the following Resolution was passed:

"*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Committee, the requirements of qualifications as presented in the original Canon 2, Title One of the Digest, were intended to be the law of the Church, and to be deviated from only in rare and exceptional cases; and this Committee does not feel justified in departing from the general law of the Church in the case now presented."

March 26th, 1878.—The Testimonials of the Rev. ALEXANDER BURGESS, D. D., Bishop elect of the Diocese of Quincy; and of the Rev. GEORGE W. PETERKIN, D. D., Bishop elect of the Diocese of West Virginia, were signed by the Committee.

April 11th, 1878.—JAMES D. PORTER was recommended to the Bishop to be admitted a Candidate for Holy Orders.

May 4th, 1878.—The Rev. CHARLES MORRIS, Deacon, was recommended to the Bishop for Priest's Orders.

All of which is respectfully submitted as the report of the Standing Committee.

J. A. MASSEY, President.

Credentials were presented by Lay Deputies from the Church of the Advent, Birmingham; and Messrs. L. A. HOWSER, WM. GESNER, R. H. PEARSON, S. W. GILLESPIE and W. L. MUDD, were declared entitled to seats.

Mr. MUDD appeared and answered to his name.

The Bishop of the Diocese then presented his Annual Address, the Statistical portion of which was read; the remainder, at the request of the Convention, being reserved for reading after service this evening, as a Pastoral Letter. [See Appendix A.]

On motion, the portion of the Bishop's Address which related to Diocesan Missions was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. DRYSDALE, J. F. SMITH, BEARD and BANISTER, and Messrs. BRAY and MINGE.

On motion, the Statistical portion of the Address was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended; the reading of Parochial Reports was dispensed with, and the same were referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for Standing Committee of the Diocese: Rev. J. F. SMITH and Mr. W. H. LOCKE being appointed Tellers. The result was as follows:

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D.	and Messrs. W. G. JONES,
Rev. ALEX. I. DRYSDALE,	F. B. CLARK, and
Rev. T. J. BEARD,	JAMES BOND,

were declared duly elected.

Reports were presented by the Treasurer of the Diocese; the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund; the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund; and the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund: all of which were received and, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended, and the election of Deputies to the General Convention was postponed till the next Convention.

The following Preamble and Resolution were presented:

WHEREAS, The vast responsibilities which rest upon the Church, and the rare opportunities which even now are before us in Alabama, are not generally realized and appreciated by our people; and

WHEREAS, The facts presented in the Discourse of the Rev J. F. SMITH, on last evening, are just such as most forcibly assist and declare these, and are well calculated largely to influence and control the minds and conduct of our people ; therefore,

Resolved. That a copy of said Discourse be requested for publication, and that——copies be printed for distribution throughout the Diocese.

On motion, these were laid upon the table.

The following was presented and read:

The Special Committee on Credentials beg leave to report adversely to the petition of Trinity Church, Mobile, and the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, to be relieved from their present arrearages to the Diocese.

(Signed) A. I. DRYSDALE,
JOS. M. DAVIDSON,
WM. BERG.

On motion, this Report was concurred in by the Convention.

The Special Committee on the Hamner Hall property, presented the following Report:

The Committee appointed at the last Convention to "inquire into the condition of the Hamner Hall property and to ascertain the legal rights of the respective parties in interest, and to report the result of their investigations to this Convention," do now respectfully report :

I. As to the condition of said Property.

The buildings are in good order and repair and are well adapted for School purposes. The lot is beautifully situated and eligibly located for its purpose. Owing to the long continued depression of business, it is not practicable to carry on the School without pecuniary loss at this time. There is no income at present from the property.

The lot of land is large, and in future may, by sub-dividing, be used as the location for other charitable, educational or religious institutions. The Committee deem it valuable property and capable of great usefulness in the future.

II. As to the legal rights of the respective parties.

1. The Committee find that the property was purchased and built upon, originally, by means raised by subscription among members of this Church, for charitable and educational purposes, but chiefly with a view of forming a Diocesan Academy for Young Ladies. By the terms of the original subscription, the right to elect the Trustees for the management of the funds and property, was vested in the Diocesan Convention ; but subsequently, and with the tacit consent of the Convention, the Trustees became incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of the State, whereby the property was vested in a

Board of Trustees, with the right to fill vacancies and to keep up succession. The Convention thereafter exercised no control over the property.

Being unable to carry on the School with success, the Trustees in 1870, proposed to dispose of the property to St. John's Parish, Montgomery, which at that time, with high hopes, undertook to carry on a School. The Convention of 1870 (see printed Journal, pages 16 and 17) while disclaiming the right to control the Trustees, approved the transfer to St. John's Parish, Montgomery, but took occasion decidedly to express its convictions that the property had been dedicated to educational and charitable purposes and that it should never be diverted by the Parish from such objects.

St. John's Parish now holds it by transfer from the Trustees. Your Committee do not clearly perceive the legal effect of the transfer of the property to St. John's Parish. They are inclined to the opinion that the transfer to St. John's Parish could have no other effect than to operate as the substitution of the Vestry of that Parish as Trustees and Managers, and that the dedication for educational and charitable purposes followed the property into the hands of the Parish authorities.

2. Your Committee further find that the original Trustees borrowed money from the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, to enable them to complete their undertaking. The details of the original loan the Committee have not the means of accurately ascertaining; but in 1870 the Convention (see printed Journal, pages 16 and 17) in consenting to the transfer of the property to St. John's Parish, then agreed to reduce the debt to $5,000.00, and to take the note of said Vestry for that sum payable at five years from May 1st, 1870, with interest, to be paid annually on 1st of May in each year, and secured by mortgage on the property, with power to sell on failure to pay either the annual interest, or the principal at its maturity. The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund hold this mortgage. On this loan there is now due, principal $5,000 and accrued interest $1,600: Total, $6,600.

It appears, therefore, that the legal rights of the respective parties in interest are (*a*) That St. John's Parish holds the Hamner Hall property in trust for charitable and educational purposes, according to the original dedication: (*b*) subject, however, to the mortgage to the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, as above stated, to the amount at present of $6,600. (*c*) Should a sale take place on foreclosure of the mortgage, the surplus over and above the mortgage debt would constitute a Trust Fund in the hands of the Vestry of St. John's Parish, to be appropriated as nearly as possible according to the original purpose and intention of the donors of the Fund.

The Committee are not required by the Resolution of the last Convention to make any recommendation for future action; and in the absence of any representatives from St. John's Parish, Montgomery, submit the result of their investigations, as now presented, that the Convention, being advised of the facts, may take such action as may be deemed advisable.

(Signed) F. B. CLARK,
JAMES BOND.

On motion, this Report was received and laid upon the table, subject to the call of the Convention.

The Treasurer of the Diocese reported Trinity Church, Mobile, entitled to representation. Credentials of Lay Deputies from that Parish were presented, and the following persons declared to be entitled to seats in this body.

Trinity Church, Mobile.

W. G. Jones,		H. T. Toulmin,
Robert Adams,	R. Moore,	L. A. George.

On motion, Mr. HENRY BARNEWALL was re-elected Treasurer of the Diocese.

On motion, Mr. STEPHENS CROOM was re-elected Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

The Convention then proceeded to elect, by ballot, the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

Rev. J. F. SMITH and Mr. W. H. LOCKE again acted as Tellers, and the balloting resulted in the election of the old Board:

Mr. N. H. R. DAWSON, Mr. JOSIAH MORRIS, Mr. H. C. HART.

Of these, Mr. DAWSON was designated as Treasurer by the Convention.

A communication was presented from the Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', inviting the Convention to hold its next session in that Parish; which invitation was accepted: and, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the next Annual Session of this Convention, be held in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', on the 2d Wednesday in May, 1879.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 8 o'clock, P. M.

DEMOPOLIS, May 9th, 1878—8 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After a short service of Prayer and Praise, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, from his chair, read to the Convention and a large Congregation, a deeply interesting Pastoral, on the subject of the History, Nature and Proper Observance of the Lord's Day.

The Convention then adjourned, with religious services and the benediction of the Bishop, till 9 o'clock Friday morning.

THIRD DAY.

DEMOPOLIS, Friday, May 10th, 1878.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After Prayer, the President called the Convention to order, and announced the Rev. T. J. BEARD would act as Secretary, in the absence of the Rev. R. H. COBBS, D. D.

The Minutes of the two previous sessions were read and approved.

The Rev. CHARLES MORRIS, of the Church of the Advent, Birmingham, appeared and answered to the call of his name.

W. P. GORDON, Lay Deputy from St. Andrew's, Macon; V. G. SNEDECOR, Lay Deputy from St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', and H. R. SHORTER, Lay Deputy from St. James' Church, Eufaula, appeared and took their seats in Convention.

Credentials from St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro', were presented and referred to the Committee on Credentials, who reported them to be in due form, and Mr. H. H. WHETSTONE answered to his name, and took his seat.

The President then asked the Rev. Dr. BANISTER to take the Chair.

On motion, a recess of fifteen minutes was taken to await the report of the Committee on Finance.

After the recess, Rev. Dr. BANISTER called the Convention to order, and read a telegram from Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D., of St. John's Church, Montgomery, inviting the Convention to meet in that Parish in 1879. On motion, thanks were returned, and the invitation ordered to be spread upon the Minutes.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., May 10th, 1878.

To Bishop WILMER:

St. John's Church extends invitation to Convention for next year.

H. STRINGFELLOW.
JOSIAH MORRIS, Warden.

The Chairman of the Committee on Finance then offered the following Report; and each of its three separate items were received and concurred in *seriatim*.

The Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the accounts of Mr. STEPHENS CROOM, as Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, have examined and audited the same, and find them correct; all the items thereof,

both on the debit and credit side, being sustained by the proper vouchers. Including the balance then on hand, he has received since the date of the last Convention, the sum of $1,805 38
And has expended 1,465 00

Leaving in his hands a balance of ..... $ 340 38

For his long and faithful service the Treasurer is entitled to the thanks of the Convention.

R. M. NELSON,
Chairman.

May 10th, 1878.

The Committee on Finance have examined and audited the accounts of Mr. HENRY BARNEWALL, Treasurer of the Diocese, and find them correct in all respects, each item thereof being evidenced and sustained by proper vouchers.

From all sources, including the balance on hand at the date of his last Report, the Treasurer has received $5,031 03
And has disbursed the sum of 4,584 70

Leaving a balance in his hands of ..... $ 446 33

There is a balance due the Bishop of Four Hundred Dollars, on his salary for the year just ended, which we have included in the estimate of monies required for the next year. These requirements are as follows:

Balance due Bishop's Salary, 1877–8,	$ 400 00
For Bishop's Salary, 1878–9,	4,500 00
Premium on Life Insurance Policy of Bishop,	130 00
For Printing Journal of Convention,	200 00
Expenses of Convention,	60 00
For Secretary of Convention,	50 00
For Treasurer of Convention,	50 00
	$5,390 00

To raise this amount your Committee have made assessments upon the Parishes and Missionary Stations as shown by the Schedule hereto attached, marked Schedule "A," and amounting to $4,180 00
which being added to the other monies at your disposal, viz:

Balance of cash in hands of Treasurer	446 33
Interest from Bishop's Fund, estimated at	800 00
Gives a total of resources of	$5,426 33

It will be seen that a very small margin remains between the requirements and resources; but should any deficiencies arise, the Committee hope the same may be supplied from possible collections which may be made from Parishes in arrears at this time, a list whereof is hereto attached, marked Schedule "B," and amounting to a total of $1,051 90. Judging the future by the past, the Committee are of the opinion that but a small portion of these arrears may be considered as available assets; but we recommend that the Treasurer of the Diocese issue a circular to the Parishes whose assessments

are in arrears, urging the necessity and importance of the early payment of their arrears, so that the pecuniary obligations upon the Diocese may be promptly met, and no debt will be allowed to accumulate.

The financial outlook of the Diocese is not so cheering as at the last Convention, but with a balance of cash in the Treasury sufficient to extinguish our past obligations, and having only the future to provide for, we still have much to encourage us.

The Committee bear cheerful testimony to the faithfulness of Mr. BARNEWALL, the Treasurer of the Diocese, to whose tact and energy, in the management of your finances we are in great measure indebted for their present healthy condition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

May 10th, 1878. R. M. NELSON, Chairman.

SCHEDULE A.

ASSESSMENTS 1878.

St. Paul's Parish, Spring Hill	$ 10 00
St. Michael's, Marengo Co	50 00
St. Mark's, Fork of Greene	25 00
St. Stephen's, Eutaw	75 00
Grace Church, Portland	20 00
St. Paul's Parish, Decatur	25 00
St. Paul's Parish, Whistler	25 00
Church of the Advent, Birmingham	75 00
St. John's Parish, Mobile	200 00
St. John's Church, Montgomery	650 00
St. James' Parish, Livingston	50 00
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'	150 00
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro'	40 00
St. James' Parish, Eufaula	135 00
St. Peter's Parish, Talladega	20 00
St. Thomas' Parish, Greenville	40 00
St. Mary's Parish, Evergreen	10 00
Trinity Church, Union Springs	10 00
St. Paul's Parish, Selma	325 00
St. Wilfrid's Parish, Marion	50 00
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	150 00
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville	30 00
Emmanuel Church, Opelika	30 00
St. Luke's Parish, Jacksonville	50 00
St. Andrew's Parish, Hayneville	10 00
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville	350 00
Trinity Church, Demopolis	150 00
St. Andrew's Parish, Macon	45 00
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	60 00
Christ Church, Mobile	650 00
Trinity Church, Mobile	400 00
Athens Mission	20 00
St. John's Parish, Tuscumbia	15 00
Trinity Parish, Florence	15 00
St. David's Parish, Dallas County	10 00
Amount carried forward	$3,970 00

Amount brought forward	$3,970 00
Grace Church, Clayton	30 00
St. Luke's Parish, Cahaba	10 00
St. Mary's Church, Camden	10 00
St. John's Parish, Madison Station	10 00
Montevallo Mission	15 00
Grace Church, Morgan County	25 00
Courtland Mission	20 00
Anniston Mission	25 00
St. Mark's Church, Prattville	20 00
Scottsboro' Mission	15 00
St. Mathew's Parish, Autaugaville	20 00
St. Mary's Parish, Tallassee	10 00
	$4,180 00

SCHEDULE B.

PARISHES IN ARREARS.

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	$ 200 00
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville	150 00
Courtland Mission	20 00
Emmanuel Church, Opelika	90 00
*Grace Church, Clayton	30 00
St. Andrew's Parish, Hayneville	10 00
St. David's Parish, Dallas County	35 00
St. Luke's Parish, Cahaba	25 00
St. John's Parish, Elyton	35 00
St. John's Parish, Tuscumbia	25 00
*St. Mark's Parish, Fork of Greene	39 20
St. Mark's Parish, Prattville	15 00
St. Mary's Parish, Evergreen	10 00
St. Mary's Parish, Tallassee	10 00
St. Mathew's Parish, Autaugaville	60 00
*St. Paul's Parish, Lowndesboro'	40 00
St. Paul's Parish, Whistler	50 00
St. John's Parish, Madison Station	30 00
St. Thomas' Parish, Greenville	17 70
Scottsboro' Mission	15 00
Trinity Parish, Florence	25 00
*Trinity Church, Mobile	100 00
Trinity Parish, Union Springs	20 00
	$1,051 90

* Settled after Treasurer's accounts were closed.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, and the accounts of the Treasurer thereof, have examined the same, and commend them to the careful attention of the Convention.

The Treasurer's accounts show that from the sales of the United States Bonds, as ordered at the last Convention, and from other sources, he has re-

ceived the sum of.....$4,977 36
And has disbursed, including investments in Alabama State Bonds, as also ordered by you, and including also $781 97, interest paid to HENRY BARNEWALL, Treasurer of the Diocese, the sum of.. $4,977 36
Leaving in his hands no balance.

For all items, both on debit and credit side of his accounts, the Treasurer produced satisfactory vouchers, and having audited the same, your Committee report them in all respects correct.

The Committee find that all of the orders of the previous Conventions, touching the securities in their hands, have been executed by the Trustees, and saving and excepting the note of St. John's Parish, Montgomery, for $5,000, with accrued interest, secured by a mortgage of the Hamner Hall property, these securities are in good shape, and should not be changed. As all the questions touching the note of St. John's Parish, will come up in the report of the Special Committee on the Hamner Hall property, this Committee does not consider it necessary for them to make any recommendations on the subject. R. M. NELSON, Chairman.

The Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Chairman, presented the following Report from the Committee on the State of the Church:

The Committee on the State of the Church have carefully considered the Bishop's Annual Address and the Parochial Reports, and are satisfied that we have all real cause to thank GOD for the past and present condition of the Diocese, and to take courage for the future. Only two Ministers have left the Diocese; several have been added to our working force; the Confirmations have been more numerous than last year; work has been commenced in at least one new field, and decided growth is visible in others where a beginning was made only a few years ago. The offerings of the people in all parts of the Diocese have been liberal, and in some munificent; and the spirit of faith and love and zeal of both Clergy and Laity is such as to warrant us in saying that our beloved Diocese is in a healthy condition. Because of the peculiar times in which our lot is cast this is necessarily a day of small things with us so far as actual visible results are concerned. But GOD's promises to His Church cannot fail, and we see and hear enough from all parts of the State, in the manner in which the visits of the Bishop and other Ministers are everywhere received, to satisfy us that the day is not distant when our little one shall become a thousand, and the Church will be gladly welcomed and established in every town and neighborhood in the State.

May the LORD hasten it in His time.

J. A. MASSEY, Chairman.

On motion, the Report was received and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes.

The Rev. A. I. DRYSDALE, Chairman of the Special Committee to whom was referred that part of the Bishop's Address relating to the organization of the Missionary work in this Diocese, presented the following Report:

Your Committee, impressed with the magnitude and importance of the subject with which they have been charged, and their inability to give to it the carefulness and thoroughness of investigation which it demands, make this Report, in the hope that in bringing the subject before the Convention, the discussion provoked will suggest some feasable plan which, possessed of the elements of permanence and growth, shall recommend itself to the people, and provide an efficient means of more enlarged Missionary work within the bounds of the Diocese.

Realizing that the growth of the Church within the Diocese depends, under GOD, upon individual interest in its Missionary work, your Committee feel that the plan that will be most effective is the plan that will embrace the largest number in an organized work, looking especially to the fostering and promoting its Missionary interests.

Your Committee, therefore, respectfully submit the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That in each Parish and Missionary Station there be organized a Missionary Society, which shall be known as The Mission Aid Society of ——— Parish or Missionary Station, and shall be under the control of the Rector or Minister in charge.

Resolved, That the several Mission Aid Societies shall constitute the General Missionary Society of the Diocese, and of which the Bishop of the Diocese shall be President *ex officio*.

Resolved, That there be a Committee of——members, Clerical and Lay, appointed by the Bishop, from the General Missionary Society, which shall be known as the Central Committee, subject to the call of the Bishop, and with which he may advise whenever he shall deem it expedient.

Resolved, That each member of the several Mission Aid Societies shall pledge himself or herself to pay an annual subscription, which shall be collected monthly.

Resolved, That each Mission Aid Society shall make a monthly report of its work to the Secretary of the Central Committee, and a monthly return of all monies collected to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions furnish to the Secretary of the Central Committee a monthly statement of all receipts and disbursements.

Resolved, That the Central Committee make a report to each Annual Convention of the Diocese of the work done by the Missionary Society.

Resolved, That nothing herein provided for shall conflict with the authority inherent in the Bishop of administering the Missions of the Diocese and determining the salaries of the Missionaries.

A. I. DRYSDALE, Chairman.

On motion, it was received and laid, temporarily, on the table.

On motion, the Report of the Committee on the Hamner Hall property was taken from the table, and the following Resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund be, and they are hereby, requested to take early steps for the enforcement of the lien on the Hamner Hall property, of Montgomery, made to secure to the Bishop's Fund the payment of a loan of $5,000 out of that Fund, with the interest thereon—and that said Trustees of the Bishop's Fund in the adjustment of any matter connected with said loan, be authorized to allow further time for the repayment of the same, or to make any arrangement in their discretion which will secure the punctual payment of interest and the final payment of principal.

On motion, the Report of the Committee on Missionary Organization was taken up, concurred in, and finally adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee just adopted, be referred to the Committee on Canons, with instructions to report thereon, by Canon or otherwise, at the next Convention.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to have the aforesaid Resolutions printed and sent, with such suggestions from himself as he shall deem necessary, to the Rectors and Parishes in the Diocese.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have printed 1,000 copies of the Journal of this Convention.

The President announced that Rev. DeB. Waddell was appointed on the Committee on Unfinished Business in place of Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer take such steps as may be necessary to ascertain the correct status of all past due accounts on his books, and to make a full report of all insolvent Parishes to the next Convention.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned.

Note.—A Resolution was passed by the Convention, authorizing the printing of 1,000 copies of the Pastoral Letter; but, by accident, failed to be placed in the Minutes.

T. J. BEARD, Sect'y *pro tem.*

FOURTH DAY.

DEMOPOLIS, May 11th, 1878.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer was offered, and Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., in the absence of the President, took the chair and called the Convention to order. The Roll being called, a quorum was found to be present.

Credentials were presented and reported to be in due form by the Committee on Credentials, from Grace Church, County Line and St. Mary's Church, Camden, entitling A. K. HALL and T. BOYKIN, JR., to seats from Grace Church, and A. C. MATHESON, JR., from St. Mary's. Messrs. A. K. HALL and A. C. MATHESON, JR., answered to their names and took their seats in Convention.

Rev. Mr. HUNT, member of the Committee appointed at last Convention to codify the Canons of the Diocese, explained the failure of Committee to complete their work, and offered the following Resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair to revise the whole body of the existing Canons, together with the form for Articles of Association for Parishes, and to submit to the next Convention for its consideration, all such additions, alterations and amendments as they may deem needful or advisable for the perfection of our Code.

The Chair appointed as members of this Committee, Rev. GEO. H. HUNT, Rev. A. I. DRYSDALE and JAMES BOND, Esq.

The Secretary *pro tem.* then read the Report of the Registrar of the Diocese, GAYLORD B. CLARK, Esq. The Report was received and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby returned to the different Rail Roads and Steamboat Companies of this State, for courtesies extended to the members of this Body.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Convention thank the members of The Eagle Hook and Ladder Company, and Demopolis Rifles, for their courtesy in giving the Convention the use of their respective Halls.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be instructed to pay to the Sexton of Trinity Church, the sum of Ten Dollars, in recognition of his services to this Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be instructed to pay Rev. R. H. COBBS, D. D., the sum of Fifty Dollars for his services as Secretary of this Convention.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be allowed the sum of Fifty Dollars for services rendered to the Diocese.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to elect Trustees of the University of the South, and Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., and N. H. R. DAWSON and JAS. H. FITTS, Esqrs., were declared duly elected.

On motion,

Resolved, That the assessment upon the Church of the Advent, Birmingham, be reduced by the sum of fifteen dollars.

On motion, by a rising vote, it was

Resolved, That the grateful thanks of this Convention, are eminently due, and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Demopolis, and especially to the Rector and ladies of the Parish, for the cordial hospitality with which they have received the members of this Convention, making the occasion of our Session of 1878 one never to be forgotten.

The Committee on Unfinished Business then reported that they found nothing upon the Journal of last year to be attended to at this Convention that had not already been acted upon.

On motion, the Convention then took a recess until 1 P. M.

DEMOPOLIS, May 11—1 o'clock P. M.

After the recess the Convention was called to order.

The Minutes of the morning were read and approved, and after a deeply interesting and feeling discussion on the Missionary work of the Church, both by Laymen and Clergy, in which there was a manifest moving of the Blessed Spirit upon the hearts of His servants, on motion, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

RICHARD H. WILMER,
Bishop of Alabama.

RICH'D H. COBBS, Secretary,
By T. J. BEARD, Sec'ty *pro tem.*

APPENDIX A.

Bishop Wilmer's Annual Address

TO THE

CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA,

MAY, 1878.

We are assembled together once more, dearly beloved brethren of the Clergy and Laity, in the good Providence of Almighty GOD, to render a mutual account of our labours during the Conventional year now closed, and to take action for the weal of that portion of Christ's Church committed to our charge.

I submit an account of my labors for the year past, as follows, viz:

1877.—May 2d.—I met the Clergy and Laity of the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, in Christ Church, Mobile, and, after a Sermon by the Rev. R. W. BARNWELL, celebrated the Holy Communion

The remainder of the week was spent in attendance upon the sessions of the Convention.

I had the very great pleasure of meeting my dear brethren of the Clergy and Laity Saturday afternoon at my residence on Spring Hill. From each and all of them I had received the kindest hospitalities, when upon my visitations, and it was a great pleasure to greet them at my own home. The reunion was one never to be forgotten by me.

May 4th.—Received Testimonials from the Standing Committee in reference to the Rev. PETER WAGER, with recommendation that he be admitted to the Priesthood.

May 6th—(5th Sunday after Easter.)—I officiated at Christ Church, Mobile, and, after a Sermon by the Rev. FRANK HALLAM, I admitted to the Priesthood Rev. PETER WAGER, and celebrated Holy Communion. The Certificate of proficiency had been signed by the Rev. Drs. BANISTER and STRINGFELLOW; and the Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW and the Rev. Messrs. WADDELL, DRYSDALE and HALLAM united with me in the imposition of hands.

At Evening Service of same day, in the same Church, after a Sermon by the Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., I made an address to the Clergy and Laity, and thus closed the exercises of the annual Convention of 1877.

May 8th.—Received official notice of the deposition of JOHN FLANEGAN, by the Bishop of Indiana.

May 12th.—I preached at Hayneville, and baptized a child.

May 13th—(Sunday after Ascension Day.)—Preached again at same place; baptized 2 adults; confirmed 7 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

May 15th.—Preached, morning and evening, at St. Paul's Church, Carlowville; at the latter service confirmed 3 persons.

May 16th.—Preached again at same Church, and celebrated Holy Communion.

May 17th.—Preached at County Line, Dallas County, and confirmed 6 persons.

May 18th.—Preached again at same place; confirmed 1 person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

May 20th—(Whitsunday.)—Preached at Grace Church, Camden, Wilcox County; confirmed 3 persons; and celebrated Holy Communion.

May 22d.—Received Testimonials from Standing Committee, recommending that ABRAHAM JAEGER be admitted Candidate for Holy Orders.

May 26th.—Confirmed 2 sick persons in private; candidates presented by Rev. T. J. BEARD.

May 27th—(Trinity Sunday.)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion.

May 29th.—I baptized an infant at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

June 3d—(1st Sunday after Trinity.)—I preached and celebrated Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

June 7th.—I preached at Claiborne, Monroe County. In the evening, preached at Manchester, a small village near by.

June 8th.—I preached again at Claiborne; baptized 2 adults and 7 infants; confirmed 6 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

In the evening of same day, preached again at Manchester.

June 9th.—Received notice of deposition of PERCEVAL BECKETT and BENJ. S. SEYMOUR, by the Bishop of Pittsburg; also, from the same Bishop, notification that the name of THOMAS JOHN WATT had been stricken from the list of Candidates for Holy Orders.

June 9th.—Received Mr. FRANK B. TICKNOR, a Candidate for Deacon's Orders, by transfer from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Pittsburg.

June 10th—(2d Sunday after Trinity.)—Participated in Divine Service at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

June 11th.—Gave Letters Dimissory to the Rev. SAM'L E. NORTON, M. D., to the Diocese of Florida.

As I did not receive acknowledgement of said Letters Dimissory from the Bishop of Florida, I presume that the Rev. Dr. NORTON died before he had presented his Letters for acceptance. Dr. NORTON was a very earnest man in his ministry. Although enfeebled by disease, he struggled on to the end, and fell in the field with his harness on.

June 11th.—Received official notice of the deposition from the Ministry of ALONZO M. MAY, by the Bishop of Iowa.

On same day, received notice of the suspension of the Rev. EDW'D H. HARLOW, by the Bishop of Iowa.

Received from the Rev. Drs. WILMER and DUBOSE a certificate of the literary proficiency of ABRAHAM JAEGER, and admitted him accordingly Candidate for Priest's Orders.

June 17th—(3d Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

June 20th.—Confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented by the Rev. ALEX. I. DRYSDALE.

June 24th—(4th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile.

June 29th.—Received official notice of the deposition of SAMUEL J. CORNEILLE, by the Bishop of Central New York.

Licensed Dr. PETER BRYCE as Lay Reader in Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

July 1st—(5th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile.

July 2d.—Received official notice of the deposition of LUTHER H. STRYCKER, by the Missionary Bishop of Colorado.

July 8th—(6th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, and celebrated Holy Communion.

July 11th.—Received from Standing Committee a recommendation that ASA J. ROBERTS be admitted to the Diaconate.

July 13th.—Baptized an infant at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

July 15th—(7th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

July 16th.—Received from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts £32 ($161.92) in behalf of the Church people at Troy, Pike County, and transmitted the same to the Treasurer of the Congregation. It should be stated in explanation of the foregoing donation that some English families have settled at Troy, and are earnestly endeavoring to build a Church. They made an appeal to the Church in England in which they had had their membership—an appeal which I cordially endorsed—and the result was an offering of the above mentioned sum through the Treasurer of the above named Venerable Society—a Society which has done so much in times past for the establishment and maintenance of the Church in this country.

July 20th.—Received from the Rev. Messrs. BEARD and DRYSDALE a certificate that ASA J. ROBERTS had passed a satisfactory examination for the office of a Deacon.

July 22d—(8th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

July 24th.—Married a couple at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

July 26th.—I consecrated St. Mark's Church, Prattville, and celebrated Holy Communion: sermon by myself. The establishment of this Church and the completion of the building is due, under GOD, to the labors of the Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, of Montgomery. The Rev. Dr., in addition to his numerous duties as Rector of St. John's, Montgomery, has found time to do a most important work at Prattville.

July 28th.—Met the Board of Trustees of the "University of the South" at Sewanee, Tennessee, and spent a week in attendance upon the sessions of the Board.

The Church has a great work going on at this University. It is impossible for any one who does not in person make himself acquainted with its import-

ance to estimate its value. I have made most earnest appeals in its behalf, but with such inconsiderable success that I am ashamed to mention the result. Alas! that an enterprise so fraught with blessing to the Church, should languish for the want of active interest and sympathy on the part of our people.

August 4th.—Licensed W. H. PAYNE as Lay Reader at Scottsboro.

August 12th—(11th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

August 15th.—Married a couple in Mobile.

August 16th.—Licensed JOHN H. ESMONDE to officiate as Lay Reader at St. James' Church, Eufaula.

August 19th—(12th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached and celebrated Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

August 24th.—Received official notice of the deposition of LORENZO D. FERGUSON by the Bishop of Western Michigan.

August 26th—(13th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile, and confirmed 6 persons.

September 2d—(14th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

September 9th—(15th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

September 16th—(16th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

September 23d—(17th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill; also celebrating Holy Communion.

In the evening of same day preached at St. Paul's Church, Whistler, and confirmed 6 persons.

September 30th—(18th Sunday after Trinity.)—Celebrated Holy Communion at the Church of the Holy Communion, St. Louis, Missouri. At 11 o'clock service, I preached at same Church. In the afternoon, participated in the Children's Missionary Festival at Christ Church, and made an address to the children. At night, made an address in behalf of St. Luke's Hospital, at the Church of the Holy Communion.

September 30th.—Licensed W. T. LITTLE as Lay Reader at Anniston.

October 3d.—Met the Bishops and Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention in Trinity Church, Boston, and attended upon the sessions of the General Convention until within three days of its adjournment.

October 7th—(19th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at the Church of Our Saviour, Longwood, Boston, and celebrated Holy Communion.

October 14th—(20th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached, morning and afternoon, at Christ Church, Riverdale, New York, baptizing also an infant.

October 21st—(21st Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Providence, Rhode Island, in the morning, and at night preached at Grace Church, in the same city.

October 28th—(22d Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

October 31st.—Celebrated Holy Communion with a sick person in private.

November 4th—(23d Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile.

November 5th.—Received STEWART McQUEEN's application to be a Candidate for Holy Orders.

November 11th—(24th Sunday after Trinity.)—Participated in Divine Service at Christ Church, Mobile, and, after a Sermon by the Rector, made an address to the Congregation.

November 12th.—Received Testimonials from the Standing Committee, with recommendation to receive STEWART McQUEEN as Candidate for Holy Orders.

Received Testimonials from the Standing Committee recommending FRANK B. TICKNOR to be ordained Deacon.

November 18th—(25th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile. In the afternoon, confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented by the Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D.

November 19th.—Celebrated Holy Communion in private with a sick person.

November 23d.—Received certificate of two Presbyters—the Rev. Drs. WILMER and DUBOSE of the University of the South—recommending STEWART McQUEEN for Deacon's Orders, and received him as a Candidate.

November 30th.—Received Certificate from the above named Presbyters, recommending W. THOS. KING JONES for Deacon's Orders, and received him as Candidate accordingly.

December 2d—(1st Sunday in Advent.)—Preached, morning and evening, at St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'; confirming 10 persons and celebrating Holy Communion. I baptized, also, the infant child of the Rector of the Parish.

December 4th.—Confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented by the Rev. Dr. COBES.

December 5th.—Preached at St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion; confirmed 9 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

December 6th.—Preached at the Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

December 7th.—Preached again at same Church, and celebrated Holy Communion.

December 8th.—Preached at Trinity Church, Demopolis.

December 9th—(2d Sunday in Advent.)—Preached at St. Andrew's Church, Macon; confirmed 1 person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

At Evening Service of same day, preached again at Trinity Church, Demopolis, and confirmed 3 persons.

December 11th.—Received official notice of the deposition from the Ministry, of WM. GILL, by the Missionary Bishop of Colorado.

December 16th—(3d Sunday in Advent.)—Officiated at St. Thomas' Church, Greenville; at early service baptizing a child and making an address to the children; at mid-day service preaching, confirming 1 person and celebrating Holy Communion; and at night preaching again.

December 18th.—Received official notice of the deposition of FRANCIS P. MACKALL, by the Bishop of Northern New Jersey.

December 21st—(St. Thomas' Day.)—Officiated at St. John's Church, Mobile, and set apart a Deaconess; making an address to the Congregation, and celebrating Holy Communion.

December 23d—(4th Sunday in Advent.)—Officiated at St. Paul's Church, Whistler, and confirmed 2 persons. Eight confirmed in this Church since last report.

December 25th—(Feast of the Nativity.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, and celebrated Holy Communion.

December 26th.—Received official notice of the deposition of ROBERT A. SIMPSON, by the Bishop of North Carolina.

December 30th—(Sunday after Christmas.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile.

1878.—January 1st—(Circumcision.)—Officiated at St. John's Church, Mobile; made an address to the Congregation, and celebrated Holy Communion.

January 6th—(Epiphany.)—Participated in services at Christ Church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion.

January 13th—(1st Sunday after the Epiphany.)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile, and confirmed 5 persons.

January 14th.—Received official notice of the deposition of FRANKLIN W. ADAMS, by the Bishop of Illinois.

January 15th.—Gave my official consent to the sale of the old Church building at Huntsville.

January 16th.—Gave ABRAHAM JAEGER, Candidate for Holy Orders, Letters of Transfer to the Diocese of Tennessee.

January 20th—(2d Sunday after the Epiphany.)—Had appointments out this day for Anniston, and for several succeeding days, for other mission stations along the line of the S. R. & D. R. R., but in consequence of an accident to the Rev. Missionary in charge, was compelled to postpone my visit to a later day. I attended service at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

January 24th.—Held an examination at Montgomery of a Candidate for Deacon's Orders. The certificate of a satisfactory examination was signed by the Rev. Drs. STRINGFELLOW and COBBS, examining chaplains.

January 25th—(Conversion of St. Paul.)—Held an ordination at St. John's Church, Montgomery, and made Deacon FRANK BENJAMIN TICKNOR, the son of the Rev. Dr. TICKNOR, of this Diocese. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Dr. COBBS: the sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. TICKNOR, and Holy Communion was celebrated by myself, assisted by the Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW. The Rev. JAS. H. STRINGFELLOW, of the Diocese of South Carolina, was also present and participated in the services.

It was a notable circumstance, that of the six clergymen present and officiating, five were the sons of clergymen.

In the evening of the same day I preached at same Church, and confirmed 6 persons.

January 26th.—Officiated in Church of the Advent, Birmingham; the Rev. CHARLES MORRIS, Deacon, from the Diocese of Virginia, preaching the sermon.

January 27th—(3d Sunday after the Epiphany.)—Preached in same Church,

and celebrated Holy Communion. At evening service, after a sermon by Mr. MORRIS, I made an address to the congregation.

January 28th.—Received notification from the Missionary Bishop of Northern Texas that he had accepted the "Letters Dimissory" of the Rev. PETER WAGER.

January 30th.—Received official notice of the deposition of SAMUEL CUTLER by the Bishop of Massachusetts.

February 3d—(4th Sunday after the Epiphany.)—Detained at home by sickness.

February 4th.—Received official notice of the deposition of EDWARD H. HARLOW by the Bishop of Iowa.

February 4th.—Received Rev. CHARLES MORRIS into the Diocese, with Letters Dismissory from the Bishop of Virginia.

February 7th.—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro; baptized an adult and confirmed him; celebrating, also, Holy Communion.

In the evening of same day, I celebrated the rites of Holy Matrimony at St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville.

February 10th—(5th Sunday after the Epiphany.)—Preached morning and afternoon, at Emmanuel Church, Opelika, and confirmed 2 persons.

February 11th.—Preached in the evening at Seale, Russell county.

February 12th.—Preached again at same place, and celebrated Holy Communion.

February 13th.—Was prevented by inclement weather from fulfilling my appointment at Union Springs.

February 14th.—Preached, morning and evening, at Troy, Pike county; at latter service, confirmed 3 persons. The contract for a Church building at this point has been made, and will be speedily completed.

February 15th.—Preached at Union Springs, Bullock county.

February 17th—(Septuagesima Sunday.)—Preached at St. James' Church, Eufaula, morning and evening; at the latter service, confirming 8 persons.

February 19th.—Preached, morning and evening, at Grace Church, Clayton; at the latter service, confirming 8 persons. I also celebrated Holy Communion.

February 21st.—Received official notice of the deposition of GEO. H. JACKSON (Deacon) by the Bishop of Tennessee.

February 22d.—Received official notice of the deposition of WALTER S. WHITCOMB (Deacon) by the Bishop of New Hampshire.

February 24th—(Sexagesima Sunday.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

February 26th.—I consecrated St. Thomas' Church at Greenville; sermon by the Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW.

At evening service of same day a sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. TICKNOR, in commemoration of the life and services of the late Rev. J. S. JARRATT. It will be remembered that the Church at Greenville was built under the ministry of Mr. JARRATT. To the erection of this Church he had devoted himself, under every possible discouragement, for the larger part of

his ministry, and he lived to see his labors crowned with success. His precious remains lie beneath the chancel of the Church in which he labored with so much zeal and devotedness. It was fitting that, at the consecration of the building, his name should have been held in loving remembrance.

At the same service I confirmed 4 persons.

February 27th.—At early morning service in same Church, celebrated Holy Communion.

February 28th.—Received official notice of the deposition of EDW'D VICTOR BEALES (Deacon) by the Bishop of Missouri.

Declined giving consent to the consecration of the Rev. Dr. SEYMOUR.

March 3d—(Quinquagesima Sunday.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile.

March 4th.—Licensed JOB TURNER to exercise the functions of Lay Reader in the Diocese.

March 6th—(Ash Wednesday.)—Participated in Divine Service at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

March 9th.—Preached at St. James' Church, Livingston.

March 10th—(1st Sunday in Lent.)—Preached, morning and evening, at same Church; at morning service baptizing 2 infants and receiving the infant child of the Minister in charge into the congregation of Christ's Flock; confirming 4 persons, and celebrating Holy Communion.

The Rev. A. KINNEY HALL, Deacon in charge, deserves great credit for his skill in decorating the Church at Livingston. With little help, and at inconsiderable cost, he has made out of a very plain building quite an attractive Church.

March 11th.—Confirmed a person in private. At night preached at Gainesville.

March 12th.—At early morning service in same place, made an address to the congregation, confirmed 1 person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

It will be remembered that the late Dr. LEROY ANDERSON left certain properties to the Church at Gainesville. Up to the present time I have hesitated to put up a Church building there. But at my recent visitation, I was satisfied that the time had come to make a movement, and I hope to report in my next annual address the completion of a Church building at Gainesville.

March 13th.—Preached at St. Mark's, Fork of Greene, and confirmed 4 persons.

March 15th.—Preached, morning and evening, at St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw; at the latter service confirming 8 persons.

March 16th.—At early morning service in same Church, celebrated Holy Communion.

March 17th—(2d Sunday in Lent.)—Preached, morning and evening, at Christ Church, Tuskaloosa; at latter service confirming 21 persons.

March 18th.—At early morning service in same Church, made an address to the congregation and celebrated Holy Communion. I also confirmed a sick person in private.

March 21st.—I confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented by the Rector of St. John's Church, Mobile.

March 24th—(3d Sunday in Lent.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Selma, morning and evening; confirming at the former service 13 persons and celebrating Holy Communion.

March 25th.—Preached at St. Luke's Church, Cahaba, and celebrated Holy Communion.

March 27th.—Preached at St. David's Church, Dallas county; baptized an infant and celebrated Holy Communion.

March 28th.—Preached again at St. Paul's Church, Selma. At this service I had the great pleasure of congratulating the congregation upon the payment of the whole debt incurred by the building of their new Church. This result was due to the earnestness and tact of their Rector, the Rev. Mr. HALLAM, seconded by the liberality of the people.

March 29th.—Preached at Benton, Lowndes county. The congregation at this place was largely made up from the people in the neighborhood of old St. Peter's Church, one of the oldest Churches in the Diocese. The old Church building has gone into utter decay. The question now is, whether to repair the old building or to build anew at the village of Benton, some few miles distant.

At the above service I baptized an adult; confirmed 2 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

March 30th.—Received official notice of the deposition of JESSE M. WILLIAMS, by Bishop of Central Pennsylvania.

March 31st—(4th Sunday in Lent.)—Participated in services at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

April 7th—(5th Sunday in Lent.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Montgomery, and celebrated Holy Communion. Preached again at night in same Church, and confirmed 20 persons. Confirmations in this Parish, 26 since last annual report.

The Church building has been greatly beautified since my last visitation, and excites universal admiration.

April 8th.—Preached at St. Mark's Church, Prattville.

April 9th.—Preached again at St. John's Church, Montgomery; repeating at the instance of many persons the Sermon I had preached on Sunday morning. The Sermon referred to was an earnest protest against the prevailing lawlessness and violence in our land, and I was therefore gratified by the request to repeat it.

April 10th.—Preached at Birmingham; baptized an adult and infant; confirmed 6 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

April 11th.—Confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented by the Rev. CHAS. MORRIS, Minister in charge.

April 12th.—Celebrated Holy Communion with a dying person at Decatur.

Evening of same day, baptized an infant and 2 adults; confirmed 4 persons and preached at Mooresville, Limestone county.

At same place, held early morning service, made an address and celebrated Holy Communion.

April 14th—(Sunday next before Easter.)—Preached, morning and evening, at Church of the Nativity, Huntsville; at last service confirming 15 persons.

April 15th—(Monday before Easter.)—Celebrated Holy Communion at early morning service at same Church.

In the evening of same day, preached at Scottsboro', Jackson county, and confirmed 5 persons; candidates presented by Rev. Dr. BANISTER, Minister in charge.

April 16th—(Tuesday before Easter.)—Preached, morning and evening, at St. Paul's Church, Decatur, and confirmed 1 person.

April 17th—(Wednesday before Easter.)—Preached at same place and celebrated Holy Communion.

In the evening of same day, preached at Athens, and confirmed 3 persons.

April 18th—(Thursday before Easter.)—Preached again at same place, and celebrated Holy Communion.

In the evening of same day, preached at Mountain Spring High School, (Grace Church, Morgan county) and confirmed 2 persons.

April 19th—(Good Friday.)—Preached, morning and evening, at same place; baptized an infant and adult; confirming 8 persons and celebrating Holy Communion.

April 20th.—Licensed JAMES H. GRAY, Lay Reader at Decatur, and WM. MINOR LILE at Grace Church.

April 21st—(Easter Sunday.)—Was summoned from Tuscumbia to Florence to administer the Holy Eucharist to a dying Communicant. Returning, I preached at St. John's Church, Tuscumbia; baptizing an infant, confirming 1 person, and celebrating Holy Communion.

In the evening of same day, I preached at Trinity Church, Florence.

April 22d—(Monday in Easter Week.)—Preached again at Florence and celebrated Holy Communion.

In the afternoon officiated at the funeral of a Communicant of the Church at Florence.

The Congregations at Florence and Tuscumbia were without pastoral care at the time of my visitation; the Rev. PETER WAGER, their former Pastor, having removed to Northern Texas.

April 24th.—Received official notice of the deposition of JAMES S. HARRISON, M. D., by the Bishop of Florida.

April 24th.—Gave my Canonical consent to the consecration of the Rev. Dr. GEO. W. PETERKIN to the Episcopate of Western Virginia; and also to the consecration of the Rev. Dr. ALEXANDER BURGESS to the Episcopate of the Diocese of Quincy.

April 26th.—Received from the Standing Committee of the Diocese a certificate recommending JAS. D. PORTER to be admitted to a course of study for the Holy Ministry.

April 28th—(1st Sunday after Easter.)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile, and confirmed 13 persons, giving, with 1 previously confirmed, 14 confirmations in this Parish for the last year.

May 2d.—Received official notice of deposition of GEORGE BURTON by Missionary Bishop of Oregon and Washington.

Also, notice of deposition of NICHOLAS J. SEELEY by Bishop of Connecticut.

May 5th—(2d Sunday after Easter.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile; confirmed 25 persons and celebrated Holy Communion. Number confirmed in this Parish for the year, 34. In the afternoon, confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented by Rev. Dr. MASSEY.

At Evening Service of same day preached at Trinity Church, Mobile, and confirmed 9 persons. Number of confirmations in this Parish for the year, 16.

May 6th.—Received recommendation from Standing Committee that Rev. CHAS. MORRIS, Deacon, be admitted to the Priesthood.

The following is a summary of my official labours since my last Annual Report viz:

Baptisms—Infants 21; adults 10; Reported by Rev. Dr. HINES, of Mississippi, 8	39
Marriages	3
Funerals	1
Confirmations	271
Postulants admitted	2
Candidates for Holy Orders	2
Deacons Ordained	1
Priests Ordained	1
Churches Consecrated	2
Deaconesses set apart	1
Lay Readers Licensed	8

CLERICAL CHANGES.

The Rev. SAMUEL E. NORTON, M. D., was transferred by me to the Diocese of Florida; the Rev. PETER WAGER to the Missionary Jurisdiction of Northern Texas; the Rev. CHARLES MORRIS (Deacon) has been received into the Diocese with Letters Dimissory from the Bishop of Virginia.

CLERICAL CHANGES WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

The Rev. F. W. DAMUS has taken charge of St. Paul's Church, Whistler, in addition to his duties as Missionary at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

The Rev. A. KINNEY HALL, Deacon, has been assigned to duty at St. James', Livingston, and St. Alban's, Gainesville.

The Rev. D. F. HOKE has been relieved from duty at St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, and, on account of indisposition, is at present without charge.

The Rev. FRANK B. TICKNOR, Deacon, has been assigned to duty at St. Mark's, Prattville, and St. Paul's, Lowndesboro', under direction of the Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW.

Arrangements have been made by which the Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown, shall be supplied at an early day.

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Since my last Annual Report, I have added largely to the Church Home for Boys, and have completely remodeled the building; expending thereupon, some $2,000. We have now in the Church Home for Boys, 7 orphans. It is under the immediate charge of two of the Deaconesses.

I have also purchased two adjoining lots with a view to still further enlargement of our Church work.

Owing to the continued and untiring exertions of the Church women of Mobile, aided, last year, by contributions to the Bazaar from several Parishes within the Diocese, we have succeeded in keeping well up our financial condition; notwithstanding the heavy outlay for property and improvements.

Amount on hand January 1st, 1878,		$6,426 29
Proceeds of Bazaar, March, 1878, (I have not had exact returns) say.		2,500 00
		$8,926 29
Deduct current expenses to date	$469 24	
" price of lots purchased	400 00	$ 869 24
Balance on hand at this time		$8,057 05

The amount on hand is invested—

Partly in Mobile 8 per cent. County Bonds	cost value,	$6,000 00
Partly in 7 per cent. State Bonds	" "	725 00
		$6,725 00

The remainder in National Commercial Bank for annual current expenses.

GAINESVILLE CHURCH PROPERTY.

Amount in People's Savings Bank at the present time, with interest accruing, a little over $1,000 00

It is probable that this amount will be soon called for to build the contemplated Church at Gainesville. It will be remembered—see Journal of 1876—that $1,023 82 of the Gainesville fund was donated by the people of Gainesville to build a Rectory at Livingston, and that by direction of the Convention I paid the amount herein mentioned. Also that $750 of the same fund was loaned in order to extinguish the debt on Rectory at St. Mary's, Summerville; leaving a balance in favor of the Gainesville Fund of $715 75.

This sum has increased, partly by accruing interest, and partly from proceeds of Judge REAVIS' estate, and now amounts to the sum above stated.

THE GIBSON PROPERTY.

Since my last report in relation to this property, it has been discovered that there was a prior lien upon the property which was mortgaged to secure the payment of the Bond, bequeathed by the Will of J. D. GIBSON to the Church Home. I cannot therefore report whether any additional amount may be looked for. The continued depression of Real Estate makes it very doubtful, especially since the discovery of a prior lien.

The late M. E. MACARTNEY, my attorney in the management of the estate, rendered, just before his death, an account of the estate. This account shows a balance in my favor, as Executor under the Will, of $575 06. After holding said amount for some time, and finding that there was no prospect of a speedy settlement, I concluded, under legal advisement, to divide the amount in hand.

Accordingly, I paid into Church Home Fund	$250 00
And also to Mrs. Maria Gibson (the widow)	250 00
Paid lawyer's bill against Gibson	58 00
Leaving balance in hand for contingencies that might occur	17 06
Amount as above reported	$575 06

CHURCH WORK WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

After a very full and almost complete visitation of the Diocese, I am gratified to be able to say that I do not think that we ever had more cause of gratitude to God for his undeserved blessing upon our labours than at the present time. It is true that our Confirmations are not so numerous as in some former years, but I am satisfied that those confirmed were more carefully prepared, and give promise of greater Christian consistency. At all times I have pressed with earnestness the duty of presenting none for Confirmation, but those who pledged themselves to an earnest participation in all the duties and ordinances of the Gospel. I trust the day has passed away, never to return, when I shall lay my hands in blessing upon the head of any one who purposes to abstain from the Lord's Table and thus separate himself from his brethren, who come to feed on the banquet of that most heavenly food.

It is also true that the Offerings for Diocesan Missions are not so large as usual; but I am satisfied that the low condition of our Missionary Treasury is not wholly nor chiefly due to a lack of interest on the part of our people, but to a defect in our system, or rather to the utter want of all system. Being fully persuaded of this fact, I have on more than one occasion referred to this defect in my Annual Addresses, but I have as yet failed to impress upon the Clergy and Laity the essential importance of associating with the Bishop in his Mission work, a chosen number of Clergymen and Laymen. My desire is, not to diminish, but to increase his work and give his coadjutors a personal and official responsibility in a department of labor which demands the united wisdom and energy of all estates in Christ's Holy Church.

I must, therefore, press upon you, dearly beloved brethren, the necessity of proceeding to the accomplishment of some organized system at once. Let a Committee be raised at the earliest possible moment, and report to this body. We have nothing before us of such vital moment. We could well afford, if necessary, to pass over the consideration of all matters of ordinary routine, in order to perfect a wise and well ordered Missionary organization. Time begins to lay his hands upon some of us. The night cometh when we can no more work. Then while it is still day, let us go to work in earnest.

There are many matters of great interest, which I would fain bring before you in this Address, but I must forbear.

Death has been busy in our midst. Everywhere I have been, I have missed some dear familiar face. It would be a pleasing, though melancholy task, to speak of all our dear departed ones. Wherever I go, I ask the Clergy to take me to see the afflicted ones of the flock. In the house of mourning is especially the Bishop's place—"to comfort them that mourn." It is as good for him as for the mourner. It keeps up his personal relations with the members

of his flock. It keeps his own heart warm and pure, and makes his preaching practical. While it is his mission to "rejoice with them who rejoice," it is his higher mission and privilege to "weep with them that weep." Let my dear brethren receive here this assurance that I prefer the house of mourning to that of feasting, and to take care that I have the blessed privilege of visiting the afflicted wherever I officiate.

I cannot speak of all our precious dead, but there are some, whose position in the Church renders proper this public recognition.

Since we last met, we have lost from the Church Militant here on earth Mrs. ANN AVERY, of St. Paul's Church, Greensboro.' Mrs. AVERY was the widow of the late Dr. AVERY, the first Rector of "St. John's in the Prairies." Left in comparatively early life a widowed mother, with an estate encumbered by debt, she lived to a ripe old age, having fulfilled her course and discharged all her obligations with a degree of sterling integrity and principle that is seldom witnessed. Those are indeed the true heroes and heroines of the Church, and are rightly to be enrolled in the Noble Army of Martyrs—those, who, not only at the stake and in the arena, have poured out their life for their Saviour; but those, if possible, more heroic and saintly ones, who in quiet and all unnoticed privacy, have illustrated in every sphere of duty a self-sacrificing devotion to principle and duty, and an unwavering loyalty to the Church of CHRIST their Saviour. None surpassed this dear Sister in all holy love and zeal for the cause of GOD, and in her labors of love, and in the spirit which she has transmitted to her children—her works do still follow her.

I have reserved to the conclusion of this my Annual Address, the consideration of a subject which has long occupied my attention. I feel that I have but imperfectly conveyed my own thoughts, and that my own thoughts have fallen infinitely below the magnitude and importance of the subject itself.

The subject to which I refer is

THE LORD'S DAY:

ITS HISTORY, NATURE, OBLIGATION AND MODE OF OBSERVANCE.

There seems to me, brethren, to be a great deal of vagueness in the minds, of our people in regard to the history, nature and obligation of the Lord's Day. We hear every Sunday the Commandment read—"Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath Day." And it is not read as a part of an obsolete law, for its reading is followed on the part of the Congregation by the response—"Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law." And yet, there is so marked a contrast between the wording of the Commandment and our mode of observing the Lord's Day, that one of two results is almost inevitable; either that we attach no definite meaning to the words of the Commandment and the response following it—which is painful to think of;—or that we content ourselves with living in direct violation of what is promulgated as a Divine law—which is fearful to contemplate.

Realness should, above all things, characterize our every utterence before the Most High GOD. It is a fearful thing to make prayers which have no meaning. I shall have accomplished my purpose in this address if I shall

say anything that shall give a reality of meaning to the Commandment itself, and a consciousness of reality to our prayer that GOD would "incline our hearts to keep this law."

It is confessed on all hands—for the exceptions are too small and insignificant to be appreciable—that the obligation to keep the seventh day ceased with the abrogation of the Jewish Economy. And, if it be asked, why the Church should continue to proclaim the law of the Jewish Sabbath, it may be replied, that the substance of the Commandment survived the change of the day—that the moral element which pervades it and constitutes its essence is as enduring as man himself; modified, we must admit, by the Genius of the Gospel, because, being "made for man," it must change with the changes of dispensations under which man is placed. It was made originally for the Jewish man, and it took the hue of the Jewish Dispensation.

There is, as we hear it read, something of the light that there was on the face of Moses when he came down from the Mount with the law in his hands—light like the flash of lightning accompanied by the roll of thunder. Whereas, the light of the glorious Gospel, which illumines all its ordinances, is more like sunshine with healing in its beams—even the light of the knowledge of the glory of GOD, in the face of JESUS CHRIST.

With the view of bringing out this thought more fully, I propose to consider in the first place, *the Authority upon which the observance of the Lord's Day rests.*

Here, at the very threshold of the subject, we encounter a great diversity of opinion. I notice first two extreme views. The one is that which regards the Sabbath Law, even to the keeping holy the Seventh Day, as still existing in full force and obligation and with as much of rigidness as under the Jewish Economy. This may be styled the *Judaical* or extreme Sabbatarian, view, but as will be easily supposed, from its hard, narrow and unevangelical character, has had but few advocates.

The other extreme view is that of those who regard all laws, of whatsoever kind, whether moral or ceremonial, as abrogated by the Gospel. This is their idea of Christian liberty. And this is the extreme *Antinomian* view.

Between the two extreme views just presented there will be still found, bordering more or less near one or the other, a considerable diversity of opinions. For my present purpose they may be classified into three, distinctly marked, and dividing the present sentiment of Christendom. The first is that which regards the Lord's Day as binding upon the Christian Church with all the rigor of the Jewish Sabbath—the day only having been changed from the seventh to the first day of the week. This may be properly styled, the Sabbatarian view. This view was embraced by the Puritan party in the Church of England, and was formulated by their leading Divines in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechism. This view borders very nearly upon the Judaical view first presented, and prevailed very extensively in Scotland and early New England. But as all experience shows, this view of the Lord's Day can only co-exist with the austerity of a Puritanic faith, and disappears under the genial warmth of a more perfect revelation of the Fatherhood. The recent admissions of certain modern writers of a

more benignant school are significant phenomena in this our day. They are symptomatic of great changes in public sentiment among the descendants of the Puritans.

The fear is often expressed that if the rigor of the Sabbath observance is abated, the people will lose all respect for the Holy Day. On the contrary, all experience and reason teaches that the true and only way to maintain authority and reverence for holy things is by putting every obligation on good and sufficient grounds, and thus legitimating a wholesome liberty. It is *the truth* only which gives freedom, and it is a wholesome freedom alone which can prevent licentiousness.

The Church stands, not by human devices, but by Divine Authority. Any human authority which oversteps its powers and attempts to give greater sacredness to, and to surround with greater rigors, even a Divine Institution, will fail in the end to inspire respect, and be in time rejected. Beginning with the rejection of the human, men, who see not clearly the metes and bounds which separate the human and Divine, will reject the Divine. The history of the oscillations of thought on this particular matter of the proper mode of observing the Lord's Day, is full of wholesome suggestion.

The second of the views referred to is that of those who hold that no portion of time is set apart under the Gospel Dispensation by our Lord or by His Apostles, but that in course of time and by long continued usage, and at last by ecclesiastical enactment, the Church settled down to the observance of the first day of the week as a day of rest, worship and recreation. This may properly be styled the *Ecclesiastical view.* It gives the Lord's Day no higher authority and sanction than a Saint's day or any other Holy day of Church appointment. This view prevails almost universally upon the Continent, and for a time, under the influence of a reaction from Puritanism, prevailed extensively in the English Church. It culminated in the days of James I, who put forth, and endeavored to enforce the provisions of "The Book of Sports." Doubtless the king's painful remembrance of Scottish Sabbaths had much to do with the license which he not only permitted, but tried to enforce upon his English subjects. But the religious sense of the people rejected the teaching of their sovereign, and they would not even disport themselves on compulsion.

It is hardly necessary for me to say that in no one of the views as yet presented, do we find the expression of the idea of the Lord's Day which prevails in this Church or in the Church in England. True, you can find individual Divines, who lean more or less nearly, as the cast of their general views inclined them, to the one or the other. But the general sense of the Church is not embodied in either of the two. The most conspicuous proof of this declaration is to be found, not only in the writings of her Divines, but in the fact that she promulgates with such unabated solemnity the obligation to keep holy to God a seventh portion of our time, and calls upon the people to ask for grace that they may still keep the law.

Upon what ground does this Church still reiterate the command to keep holy to the Lord a specified portion of time? I answer that the ground taken is in substance this, viz: that the holy Apostles of our Lord, acting under

Divine inspiration, even as they wrote under the same Divine inspiration did abrogate the institution of the seventh day, and did observe as a day of worship the first day of the week—that they did this by virtue of their power to bind and to loose, and that thus, by virtue of this binding power, they did bind the observance of the first day upon the Christian Church, and that, therefore, the Church does rightly and upon Apostolical authority, continue to call upon the faithful to remember to keep peculiarly holy unto GOD the first day of the week.

This view is, if I am not greatly mistaken, the general view of the Church in this and our mother Country. In the language of Archbishop BRAMHALL. "What was the authority by which this change" (viz: from the seventh to the first day) "was made? If it was not made by our Lord's authority, which there is no room to doubt, at least it was made by that of the Apostles. It is undeniable that the Lord's Day is an Apostolical tradition, and it is not so clear that there is no precept for the change in Holy Scripture."

The same view is still more forcibly expressed by the celebrated RICHARD BAXTER. He writes, "I believe, 1st, that CHRIST did commission His Apostles to teach us all things which He commanded, and to settle orders in His Church. 2d. And that He gave them His Spirit to enable them to do all this infallibly, by bringing all His words to their remembrance, and by leading them into all truth. 3d. And that His Apostles by this Spirit did *de facto* separate the Lord's Day for holy worship, especially in Church assemblies, and declared the cessation of the Jewish Sabbaths. 4th. And that as this change had the very same author as the Holy Scriptures (the HOLY GHOST in the Apostles) so that *fact* hath the same kind of proof that we have of the Canon, and of the integrity and uncorruptness of the particular Scripture Books and Texts; and that, if so much Scripture as mentioneth the keeping of the Lord's Day, expounded by the consent and practice of the Universal Church from the days of the Apostles (all keeping this day as holy, without the dissent of any one sect or single person, that I remember to have read of), I say, if all this history will not fully prove the point of fact, that this day was kept in the Apostles' times, and consequently by their appointment, then the same proof will not serve to evince that any text of Scripture is canonical and uncorrupted; nor can we think that any thing in the world that is past, can have historical proof."

Most weighty words of the devout BAXTER. Perhaps he leaned in practice to the Sabbatarian view for that was the cast of his mind. He lived in an atmosphere of prayer and devout meditation. His knees, it is said, were callous from the continual attitude of devotion. Such employments were his meat, drink and recreation. The masses can hardly comprehend his relish for holy things, and cannot therefore be his judges in this matter. But all this has nothing to do with the reasons upon which he founds the origin of the Lord's Day. They could not be better stated or laid on a surer and more Churchly foundation.

The same argument embraces in large part the grounds of Infant Baptism, the question of Apostolical succession, and that of the inspiration of the

Gospels and Epistles. The argument is in substance this—that what the Apostles *did* in their official capacity is as much of Divine inspiration and carries with it as much of Divine authority as what they *wrote* under the same inspiration and authority. When that comes well to be understood, the problem of a united Christendom approaches its solution. There are those who will yield an unhesitating obedience to all that the Apostles have *written* while yet they attach but a slight, if any, importance to their *deeds*—their acts. They seem not to consider that the Apostles planted Churches *and set things in order* before Gospels and Epistles were ever written. In a word, they go to the Scriptures to find the Church, instead of going to the Church to find the Scriptures.

When men shall learn that the Church of God is builded upon the foundation, not merely of *truths*, but of *living* stones, of Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; and when they shall further learn that this Church has brought down to them the Ministry, the Sacraments, the Holy Word and the Day of the Lord, and that all these have their authentication only through the Church, their faithful witness and keeper, their pillar and ground, then will they understand that the word *Apostolical* is but another name for that which is *Divine*.

But a few fragments remain of what our Lord said to His Disciples during the interval between His Resurrection and Ascension. But when we call to mind how He parted from them, how He breathed upon them, how He declared that He sent them as the Father sent Him, how He gave them power to bind and power to loose; and, furthermore, when we follow in their history, and see them adding another to the College of the Apostles, conferring the same authority that Christ had conferred upon them; when we find them gathering households into the Church by baptism, laying hands on the baptized, assembling for worship on the first day of the week for prayer and breaking of bread; and still further, when we trace this observance of the first day all along the history of the Church from the Apostolic Era, until we come to the day when the first Christian Emperor, Constantine, yielding to the voice of the Church, solemnly and by imperial decree, set apart from ordinary uses and proclaimed the "*Day of the Sun*" the "*Day of the Lord*;" I say, when we gather together all these facts, we have a Divine sanction for the hallowing of the first day, and a sufficient warranty for the continued promulgation of the Fourth Commandment in its substance and essence, and may properly and with the deepest significance respond to its proclamation—"Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this Law!" This much for the history of the institution of the Lord's Day.

Let us now consider its nature and character, to which in all that has gone before I have only incidentally alluded.

It must be admitted that the Commandment under review differs from all the others in that it has a mixed character, partly positive, and partly moral. *Positive* it is in so far as a specified time is indicated, and *moral* in that it inculcates duties which are of unending obligation.

There must of necessity be an element of positiveness about it—that part of it must therefore be changeable by proper authority. The moral part

of the Commandment, as we shall attempt to show, is unchanged and unchangeable.

While the observance of an identical portion of time was possible, so long as the Church was confined to a single nation and country—there being no appreciable difference of Longitude in a small area of territory—it was possible for a whole people to be similarly engaged upon the same day. But when the Christian Dispensation was inaugurated—which was to know no bounds but the habitable globe, which was to encircle the earth, and has indeed completed the circuit—it became no longer possible to celebrate as a day of rest and devotion the identical portion of time. From this view which seems not to have been considered, how unreasonable is their course who separate themselves from their fellow Christians on the seventh day principle.

For, whilst the Jew is observing the last hour of his Sabbath, the Christian is celebrating at early morn the Resurrection and the Life.

It thus appears, therefore, that the Universalness of the Gospel Dispensation, of necessity eliminated from the Commandment its element of positiveness, as to the specified day of the week.

The positive part of the Commandment being of necessity thus eliminated, what is left? I answer—all of deep and enduring import that originally belonged to it, with all that Christianity has added to it. Let us see what that is.

And, first, what was the nature of the Jewish Sabbath? We are habituated to think of the original Sabbath, not as God made it to be, but as the Jew made it to be. According to their wont, they had stripped it of all its original spirit and beneficence, and made it a thing of form, too grievous to be borne. They thus made this law, in common with the others, void through their traditions. They discerned not its morality and were incapable of grasping its spirituality. It is necessary to bear this in mind, for it is of the Jewish caricature, and not of the command as it came from Sinai, that men think who speak of the Sabbath as a mere positive institution and as a part of the ceremonial law.

If then we disencumber the Commandment of Jewish tradition and go to the Commandment itself as it came from God, enshrined in the midst of laws, which of their nature know no end, we shall find the moral element, which is as old as the creation of man and as enduring as his existence on earth. This will appear from the very terms of the Commandment and from the teachings of our Lord.

For see what it embraces—the whole of man's life—his duty to labour and to do all that he has to do, all that properly belongs to his position and calling in life. This is its personal bearing upon the individual man. It declares also, the Divine right and ownership in man, as well as the man's obligation to bring out and apply all his powers in doing whatsoever devolves upon him. Thus He, who gave him life and length of days, gave him six days in which to labour, and thus plans his life for him. He who is an idle and unprofitable servant lives in habitual violation of this law, which commands him for six days to do all that he has to do. Is there no element of the moral in a law which thus sets forth man's duty? And has any

change of religious dispensation abrogated or modified the duty of labouring and of doing all that men have to do?

But, moreover, the law goes on to set forth the duty which man owes to his inferiors—his servants whether bond or free. It declares to him that those under him have rights, which must be regarded, that they must not be overworked, but must have their Sabbath also. Is there nothing of the moral in a law which declares the rights of the defenceless, and, with the thunders of the Mount, enforces them?

But, above all, the law declares to man—what man is ever prone to forget, and the emissaries of the Devil are striving to obliterate from his mind—that he is not his own, not self-created and independent, not evolved from matter, but that he was made, made by Him, who made the heavens and the earth and all that are therein; and calls upon him to pause—not only to rest from labours which else will exhaust his powers and absorb his mind, but to look up and adore Him from whom all things proceed. For not only is he a man of muscle and brain, a creature to do some work, but he is much more—a being to think and reason and worship—has a heart to love, a memory to recall, a reason to discern, a spirit to rise and worship his Creator in spirit and in truth. And, therefore, the reason given for the Commandment is that "in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day and hallowed it."

Thus, in the language of another, (HESSEY.) "The Divine method of "working and rest is then proposed to man as the model after which he is "to work and rest. Time then presents a perfect whole, is then well rounded "and entire, when it is shaped into a week, modelled on the six days of "creation and their following Sabbath. Six days' work and the seventh "day's rest conform the life of man to the method of his Creator. In "distributing his life thus, man may look up to GOD as his Archetype. We "need not suppose that the Hebrew, even in that early stage of spiritual "education, was limited by so gross a conception as that of GOD working "and then resting as if needing rest. The idea awakened by the record of "creation and by the Fourth Commandment is that of work that has a "consummation, perfect in itself and coming to a perfect end; and man's "work is to be like this, not aimless, indefinite and incessant, but having an "issue on which he can repose, and see and rejoice in its fruits. GOD's rest "consists in His seeing that all which he has made is very good; and man's "works are in their measure and degree very good when a six days' faithful "labour has its issue in a seventh of rest after GOD's pattern. It is most "important to remember that the Fourth Commandment is not limited to a "mere enactment respecting one day, but prescribes the due distribution of "a week, and enforces the six days' work as much as the seventh day's rest."

It is this high and holy purport of the Fourth Commandment, which gave it its original right to a place in the Commandments from Mount Sinai, and which continues it in the table of the law, enshrined in their midst and closely bordered on the one side, by the command to reverence the name of GOD, and on the other, by the command to honour father and mother.

When we look at the Commandment in view of all that it embraces in the way of suggestion and admonition, the words of the Talmud seem scarcely exaggerated—"The Sabbath is in importance equal to the whole law. He "who desecrates the Sabbath *openly* is like him who transgresses the whole "law."

If then, there be any thing moral, it must be in a Commandment which regulates and plans out the life of man, which perpetually brings before the mind the remembrance of the Divine Creatorship without which days for us could not be. Therefore it is that while creation testifies of a Creator, and the creature owes allegiance and obedience to the Creator, there will ever be meaning in the reiteration of the Commandment, which rehearses the wonderful history, and, equally, meaning in the prayer, "Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law."

How could a law thus replete with instruction and admonition be ever essentially changed? Modified it must be in the nature of things as to the particular day and the varying circumstances of human life, for, being made for man, it must adapt itself to his changing conditions, flexible but still controlling, but in its enduring elements still existing, so long as there is a created man to remember his Creator. It is not without deepest significance that an atheistic movement is always preceded and accompanied by a practical abrogation of the Day of the Lord. For when man would get quit of all thought of God, he must first obliterate the day which testifies of Him and all His marvellous works.

How did our Lord treat the Sabbath day? A question of most serious import indeed. Did He speak of it as of a thing ready to vanish? He found it, as he found all else of Divine appointment, corrupted through human tradition. Originally beneficent in spirit and design, as indeed is every law of the Creator, it had, through the glosses of its interpreters, lost all its life and spirit, and become a part of the dead formalism of the Scribe and Pharisee. Our Blessed Lord, who came not only to fulfill, but to interpret the law, embraced every occasion, both by precept and example, to illustrate the nature and spirit of the Day of the Lord. Whilst engaged in acts of mercy—thus incidentally showing that the Holy Day was pre-eminently the day of mercy and compassion—he was repeatedly rebuked by the formalist and denounced as a Sabbath breaker. It was upon such occasions—for example, whilst restoring a blind man to sight, and releasing a daughter of Israel from the chain with which Satan had bound her—that He illumined the law and showed forth the wondrous beneficence of the Creator in His power to restore that which he had created. On one of these occasions He opened up the great design of the law and stamped it with a perpetuity more enduring than if he had freshly graven it upon stone, by proclaiming, "The Sabbath was made for man." He speaks of it as something bound up with man's existence and commensurate therewith.

It must be admitted that the declaration—"the Sabbath was made for man"—does not of itself necessarily conclude the idea of perpetual obligation, for many ordinances, confessedly of temporary obligation, were also made for men.

But this temporary character only attached to things positive and not moral, for that which is essentially moral, has in it the element of the perpetual. And when we recall all that has been said of the moral quality pertaining to the Fourth Commandment, and add to it all that has been derived from centuries of experience, it requires no stretch of the imagination to conceive what was in the mind of the Lord when He declared the Sabbath to have been made for man, and upon that fact proclaimed Himself "the Lord of the Sabbath;" thus, by virtue of His sovereignty, as the Son of man, taking charge of all those interests, which are bound up in the Commandment that maps out the whole life of man.

Whilst, therefore, man exists in his present state of being and with his present needs, there is a Sabbath made for him, and the Son of man is the Lord thereof—a day made for him in reference to his whole nature, as a physical, mental and spiritual being, needing to labour, needing to rest, needing to worship and adore—a day adapted to his necessities, conducive to his well being and needful to his highest good.

Instead of losing aught of its sanctity and significance by the change of day, it has immeasurably added to it, for now the Holy Day summons us, not only to the contemplation of the Creator, but to the remembrance of a risen Saviour and a completed redemption—without which creation itself were to man no boon—and also to the memory of the gift of the HOLY GHOST, the Comforter—without which redemption itself would have no power.

It remains to consider what is the proper mode of observing the Day of the Lord—a question of profound interest and of confessed difficulty. The history of opinion and legislation upon this subject at different eras, and of varying opinions in the same era, is a most instructive one. It is a history of actions and reactions, or, to speak more exactly, a history of repeated oscillations.

This Church in this and the mother country has not put forth any authoritative and detailed view as to the proper mode of observing the Lord's Day. And in this respect, as in many others, she has shown her characteristic wisdom and forecast. If, as some allege, it is a defect in her discipline, then it is a defect shared by the Gospels and Epistles, by our Lord and His Apostles, for they have left on record no rules or instructions upon this subject, and this Church wisely keeps silence, when the Lord hath not spoken.

Our Lord announced the great principle which underlies the whole question in the weighty words already quoted—"the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath." There He leaves it. He lays down no minute rules. The principle itself is clear. The man must not be cut and hewed to suit the shape of a day, but the day must be adapted to fit and suit the man; not his ungodly lusts, not his indolence or caprice, but his highest weal in all parts of his nature and in all stages of his existence and development. If we can find out what kind of a holy day best suits the whole welfare of man, we get the clew to the whole question.

And herein is the profound distinction of the Gospel, that it deals with *principles* and not with *rules*. Our Blessed Lord was its great exponent. He did not fall in with the notions and prejudices of his age. He never ran

counter to any general principle to serve a particular end, or to gain a transient popularity. At the wedding feast, for example, He turned water into wine. Modern Puritanism would turn all the wine into water. It was His prerogative to give unto man all things richly to enjoy; it was man's responsibility and probation not to abuse the gift. He exercised the same munificence upon a grander scale when He gave his precious Gospel, and some do turn its priceless liberty into licentiousness. And yet, notwithstanding all that He taught of holiness and pureness of living, and notwithstanding that He led a life in which His enemies could find no fault, He was denounced as a Sabbath breaker, a frequenter of evil company and a wine bibber. What a boundless study is the life of the Son of Man! what a moral grandeur in being willing to be misunderstood for the sake of being true! What a depth of meaning in the title claimed—"I am the Truth!"

And, if it be urged that since our Lord laid down the principle, it is the prerogative and duty of the Church to unfold that principle into rule and precept and statute, then I ask, where do we find the warranty for so doing, and, moreover, where shall we find the wisdom to do that, which baffles all wisdom and expands beyond all comprehension?

If men were always children and to be kept in a state of childhood under tutors and governors; if they were never to advance in knowledge and in the power of discrimination and in an enlarged responsibility, it were comparatively easy to teach and treat them as children.

The condition of childhood, or perhaps more nearly that of servitude, was the condition of the Jew, and the whole Jewish Economy was tinged therewith. His Sabbath took the hue of the Jewish system. Rules were laid down with the precision that a father speaks to his children, or with the peremptoriness that a master speaks to his servants.

But man was not to remain a Jew. He emerges from that state. He becomes a Christian man, a son and a brother. Greater privileges are bestowed upon him. Higher responsibilities devolve upon him. Say, if you will, that the great mass of men will, even under the Gospel, miss their way, unless guided by precept and rule. The truth is—and must not be lost sight of—that the great mass of men will lose their way under any system. But the system of principle gives to the earnest man the largest scope to find the way, and it is to the earnest only that the way is open.

Most wonderfully, as I think, does this our Church, illustrate the genius of CHRIST and His Evangel. She has learned of her glorious Head that man cannot be legislated into holiness and pureness of living. She gives unbounded scope to them, who would tread the highest paths of holiness. High as they may attain, there are heights still in the advance to which she beckons them. If any miss the road, it is not because she utters no note of warning and proffers no guidance. It is the high prerogative of man that he can wander if such be his will. It is that freedom which makes him man and aids him in his development, and all things, in his state of probation, were made for man.

It was to them who had ears to hear that CHRIST spake; it is to such that this Church speaks; and it is to such that these lines are penned.

It seems not to be well considered that the Gospel, with the dispensation of which the Church is charged, is addressed to an advanced and advancing state of things. People cannot develope under a system of rules. Such a system belongs to man in a state of pupilage or servitude.

And moreover, there is a much higher responsibility connected with a system of principles. For as privilege and responsibility are commensurate, the Gospel which confers the highest privilege involves the weightiest responsibility.

For it is with the advance of the *race* of man as with that of the individual. While yet a child, he is put under tutors and governors. He has set lessons, allotted tasks and prescribed penalties. His life is mapped out for him. But in order to become a man, he must be able to put away childish things, to rise from the *rule* to the principle, and to worship and obey in spirit and in truth. This is the religion taught and illustrated by our Lord, and it is this religion which this Church seeks, in humble imitation of her Lord, to perpetuate through all time.

It is upon such grounds and for such reasons—not regarding the Day of the Lord as the creation of any merely ecclesiastical enactment, but as the Day, which the Lord Himself hath made—that this Church reiterates the original law as it was delivered from the Mount, and keeps it forever enshrined amid the laws, which inculcate reverence to God and honour to father and mother; thus interlinking the earthly and heavenly chain of holy obedience, and binding them together in one harmonious whole.

> "The Sundays of man's life,
> Threaded together on time's string,
> Make bracelets to adorn the wife
> Of the eternal, glorious King.
> On Sunday, Heaven's gate stands ope;
> Blessings are plentiful and rife,
> More plentiful than hope." HERBERT.

I hardly know a subject so difficult to treat as that of the proper observance of the Day of the Lord. It is difficult because it is so large. It embraces all the varieties of human life, all the varied temperaments and pursuits of man, and all his various conditions and ages. The more one studies the history of the Lord's Day, and grasps its principles, the more he finds it difficult to draw it out in detail and lay down particular rules for its right observance.

Should we spend a Sunday upon the Continent of Europe, where the Lord's Day is regarded as an arrangement purely ecclesiastical, and classed as any other Feast Day, we could not easily suppress the conviction that the spirit of the Lord's Day had not been caught. Ecclesiasticism, following the lead of public opinion, seems to have changed a Holy Day into a holiday. There is an absence of the serenity and holy calm and worship which we associate with a day of sacred rest. There is too much of festivity and jollity. The thought of God and holy things chimes not in with the festivities and dissipations of a Continental Sunday. On the other hand, if we call to mind the painful and wearisome Sabbath of the Puritans, we fee that the Son of Man was not the Lord of their Sabbath.

In neither of these two extreme modes of observance, do we recognize the Day of the pure and merciful Redeemer—the Lord of the Sabbath. And, yet, the mode of observance has oscillated between the two extremes in all the traditions of our English ancestry.

Some of us may remember the Sunday of our childhood; how, when we awoke to the thought that it was Sunday, there came that indescribable pang, which accompanies the first recall of a suffering past, or to be endured. And, yet, there was sunshine in the homes of our childhood; only it seemed to pass under an eclipse on "the Day of the Sun." The long Sunday School lessons in the morning, to be repeated in the afternoon; the long morning service, so full of beauty and attractiveness to the advanced, but so wearisome to the child; no exercise, no relaxation; nothing of nature—the wonders and beneficence of which were the objects of contemplation to the Creator Himself on His Sabbath—to be seen, save through the panes of the windows; the fruit hanging upon the trees, but as unattainable, save by disobedience, as that on the tree of life guarded by Cherubim with sword of flame.

In some respects, those were good old honest times. At least, so it seemed. God be thanked for those honest and kindly faces that beamed upon our childhood. It seems almost against nature to call in question the wisdom of our earliest teaching. But, were those rigorous enactments the best and most wholesome nurture for our childhood? I think not. For, if the Sabbath be made for man, it is made for his whole life, and must be adapted to that life in all its stages of growth and development. It was made for his childhood, when he is incapable of protracted thought and impatient of stillness and longs for the open air and motion. It was made for his busy manhood too, when he needs to pause and consider and ponder his goings. And it was made for his declining years, when he is glad of a rest for his weary limbs, and can muse on his going home and his latter end. For man in all his days of childhood, busy manhood and thoughtful old age was the Day made. It should therefore be a "delightful day and honourable," full of all bounteous conditions—a happy day for the whole family, when the father, who all the week is from home, or when home wearied with the day's toil, can guide the steps and know and train the hearts of his little ones, and make the mother's heart glad and light by sharing her solicitudes; when duties of neighbourship can be recognized, when visits of sympathy and mercy can be paid, and, above all, when the whole household can rejoice in God their Father, Saviour and Comforter.

It would be hard to calculate how much of our irreligion and alienation from spiritual things is due to our enforced Sabbatism in early childhood. Says one, whose general views would screen him from the imputation of laxity in any matter pertaining to holy things, (Conybeare,) "Those, who know how much we need every help to raise our thoughts above the turmoil of the world, will feel thankful that they are permitted to rest from earthly cares and amusements on the Sunday. But the Puritans have always enforced this religious privilege of the advanced Christians, as if it had been a command compulsory upon all men. Thousands are thus alienated from piety by associating it from their earliest childhood with a day of gloom and

restriction, imposed upon them by arbitrary force. The child is father of the man, and a childhood, thus trained, too often fathers a manhood of impiety; yet it is not on those, who can be constrained to sabbatize that the bad effects are most serious; the real sufferers are the working millions, whom nature, shut out by steam engine and spinning-jenny during the week, draws forth on the day of rest to refresh their lungs with pure air, and their eyes and hearts with gazing on the unspoiled works of their Creator. Religion is too often known to these multitudes in the Puritan form alone. They have been taught by their spiritual guides, both Episcopalian and Dissenting, that it is 'Sabbath breaking' to look upon green fields and running brooks; and that Sabbath breaking is as great a sin as drunkenness or fornication. Thus their Sunday pleasures, in themselves so innocent, are turned into guilts. Being placed under the ban of religion, they become reckless of her restraints."

Times have much changed since the oldest of us were children; partly for the better, in that we are learning to interest our children in services of song, where the senses, the first developed part of their nature, have fuller play; and partly for the worse, in that we have to lament in many instances the utter disregard of all the sanctities and proprieties of the Holy Day. The peoples who settled these new countries left behind them many of their most sacred traditions. It looks as if we were swinging to an opposite extreme. Alas, for the multitudes, who seldom, if ever, cross the vestibule of their Father's House, who indeed seem delighted to find out, in this age of learned folly, that probably they have no Father. The age of Puritanic teaching which preceded the present age seems to be giving way to an age of license and practical Atheism. The natural and inevitable recoil from stern and repulsive views of the Deity, where the Divine Fatherhood is not known, is towards Transcendentalism, Pantheism and pure Atheism. It seems quite impossible to avoid the force of the rebound.

We cannot escape it by an effort to bring back the mind to the acceptance of views of the Deity and of His Divine ordinances which a more enlightened reason and piety have resolutely rejected. If we wish ourselves and our children to honour the Day of the Lord and to take delight therein, we must learn to make that Day delightful and honourable—a Day worthy of Him, who made it, and suited to him for whom it was made—"The whole man "I say—that marvelously composite being, of heavenly destiny, but of earthly "conformation—of high aims, but of weak and corruptible body, making "him often fall short of them—and who, until he is clothed upon with a "body incorruptible, requires refreshment for body as well as soul, even on "the Lord's Day; yea, who may *demand* it on His Day, whose great human "heart could be touched with a feeling for the infirmities of His brethren."

I shall fulfill my purpose in this address, beloved brethren, if I shall say any thing that shall promote a reasonable, suitable, wholesome and scriptural observance of such a day as is here described—a Day made for man's whole complex nature—a Day of which the Son of man is Lord. The key-note is given out in the words of the Lord of the Day—"*that it was made for man.*"

Not only, as we have before considered, was the Day made for man in all

his years of childhood, manhood and old age, but for man in his whole body, mind and spirit. It was made then to give his body needful rest. The great masses of men are toilers. All material values come at last out of the earth, and are to be wrought out by toil of hand and sweat of brow. If our Merciful Father had no other motive in setting apart a Day than to give mere bodily rest to His children, it were motive surely sufficient, and stern as may appear some of the features of the primitive Sabbath, made necessary by a stiff-necked and rebellious people, yet, the law itself was benignant in spirit and beneficent in its actual workings. It insured needful rest for the larger part of the race—it put an arrest upon the rapacity of the capitalist, who, unless checked, would think the seven days all too short to satiate his boundless appetite for gain—it ordered him to rest and to give his workmen rest. The modern capitalist might find in the spirit of this law a rebuke to his greed, and a solution of that still vexed question—the revolt of labour against capital.

A tender care for the labourer—who is to all intents the slave of the capitalists, and under a yoke more grievous than that of our old slaves—marks this Commandment. Such admonitions as the following we meet with everywhere in the testimonies of the Law—"In it thou shalt do no work, nor thine ox nor thine ass, nor thy man-servant nor thine maid-servant; that thy man-servant and thy maid-servant may rest as well as thou."

To the labourer then, who constitutes the larger part of the human family, there is insured rest by the observance of the Commandment. It was made for *this man*, and he should be so remunerated that he can afford to rest. He needs this rest. When shall our capitalists employ their energies to find out how they can furnish what their labourers need, and ask mercy of God and inclining of their hearts to keep this law?

And again to the professional man, whose work is in the office and with the brain, how gracious is the provision for the periodical recurrence of a day of cessation from work. We here open a painful volume whose pages are full of records of premature decay and sudden death from a neglect of this law of their being. No special providence will intervene and arrest the execution of a broken Commandment, however high and holy be the cause which he may have in hand who violates it. The researches upon this point are most marvelous. Even from the most earthly standpoint and with utter obliviousness of its spiritual and religious character, the principle of a seventh day's rest stands disclosed as a law of man's physical nature. Not merely *a portion of time*, as the tenth or twentieth, but *the seventh* portion of time, as a needful recreation for the body and mind of man. We might reasonably conclude this from the fact that He who made man and knew what was in man originally indicated this particular proportion of time. And even mere human philosophy, which not only knows not, but discards all thought of a Divine obligation, has reached the same conclusion. So that we may say with one of old, "Thy testimonies O God are wonderful, therefore doth my soul keep them."

In this connection, we of the sacred Ministry may learn a much needed lesson. The exigencies of our calling, if we are earnest in that calling, make what

is a day of relaxation to others, a day of unusual tension of our nervous energy. We are not constituted differently from other men, and no sanctity of vocation or purpose will intervene to exempt us from the penalty of a broken law. Another day must afford the needful recreation, if we would accomplish with health and vigor the duties of our holy calling.

But, furthermore, man is not only a being of body and mind, he is above all, a *spiritual* being. He alone of all the visible creation can be called upon to remember whence he came, from whom proceeding and whither tending. To keep in due subordination the earthly part of his nature, and to give scope to the heavenly, he needs a day—and a day made holy. The pre-occupations of business and the necessities of daily labour summon him early to his work, and the evening finds him wearied and craving rest. The occupations of the great masses of the human family afford but little time for needful devotion. And although it is true that the work which man is best fitted to do is the work that God sent him to do, and although it is a part of man's religion to do his daily work from the highest motives and thus to set God always before him, yet in order to be able to do this well he needs a special time—a time to attune his spirit, to search his heart and life, a time to pause from his daily work and bring his whole life under review that he may see if it be very good.

And herein lies chiefly the blessedness of a Day of the Lord—set apart by Him who gave us all our days. It is this feature of the Commandment which redeems it from the character of a mere positiveness that is sought to be fastened upon it. It is this which vindicates its perpetual obligation, for when we pass under review the whole scope and intent of it, the argument for its perpetuity and the warranty for its continued reiteration only reaches its greatest height, when it is permeated, as it is to us now, not only with remembrances of the Creator and creation, which have as much meaning for us as for the Jew, but with the super-added fact of the Resurrection and the Life ushered in on Easter Sunday; and also with the descent of the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life on Whitsunday; thus calling to devoutest remembrance and adoration on the Lord's Day the three persons of the Holy, Blessed and Glorious Trinity in their distributed and concentrated work for man's salvation—creation by the Father, redemption by the Son, and sanctification by the Holy Ghost, the Comforter; thus enabling the true believer to say with a deeper meaning and from a fuller heart:

> "This is the Day, which the Lord hath made;
> we will rejoice and be glad in it."

How could the spirit of such a day be caught and imprisoned in a system of rules and precepts, forbidding certain things and therefore of necessity permitting things not forbidden; enjoining certain things and of necessity failing to enjoin all that were not specified? A scheme might perhaps be drawn out, but, apart from its necessary incompleteness and baldness, it would be as sunless a system as that which the Lord rebuked, when He, the Light, illumined the Day.

For the rest required and enjoined is not simple inaction and abstinence

from toil, but recollection, devotion, worship and holy obedience, including not only what we owe to God, but to our neighbour, our beasts of burden, our sons and daughters, and therefore the Commandment stands enshrined in all its sacredness between the two tables of the law binding together all that we owe to God and man. There it must stand until repealed by its Lord. It is not without deep significance that our Lord was opening the eyes of the blind on the Sabbath, and declared on the day of rest, "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day"—and on a similar occasion, "My Father worketh hitherto and I work." What a grave misconception it was in His hearers to suppose that abstinence from work fulfilled the Commandment; "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." Says one, "If God had rested as the Jews rested on the Sabbath," (and I may add, as many Christians rest on the Lord's Day) "no sun would have shone, no "flowers would have bloomed, all creation would have languished, all the "universe been dissolved. He imparts to nature her invigorating forces, "causes the rain to fall and the fruits to grow, yea, even the waters of "Bethesda to bubble forth on the Sabbath. He doeth good on the Sabbath "Day, else must the sick man whom God's help, sought or experienced on "the Sabbath Day, has healed, tarry upon his sick couch still."

No, brethren, we can't put in form, in rule and precept the law of the Lord's Day. The spirit of the Day must be caught, its sublime intention comprehended, its glorious privileges grasped, before one can be "in the Spirit on the Lord's Day."

We should esteem it a gracious provision in an earthly father to set apart a portion of each week for more especial converse and companionship with his children, and should at each recurring season promise and bring good gifts to them. If he were a father dearly beloved, the recurrence of that hour would bring joy and gladness to the household. The question would be, not how much of my time does my father require me to be with him, but rather, how long am I permitted this privilege and refreshment? I need not press the application. But alas! our difficulty is just here—that we know not God our Father as He reveals Himself to us in His dear Son.

> "Thy creatures wrong Thee, O Thou Sovereign Good—
> Thou art not loved, because not understood."

Through a slavish fear of Him as a hard master, or through the loss of the spirit of adoption, we live for the most part in a state of bondage. Hence the cry—"What does God require me to do?" "How much of His Day am I required to be at my devotions?" "What part of my means am I obliged to offer Him?" Thus we have sunk back into the old servitude and are become "unprofitable servants," instead of "followers of God as dear children," constrained by His love to do all that can be done, and only regretful that we can do no more. This is the childlike love that delights in the companionship of the beloved Father, and studies His pleasure and meets His gracious approbation.

> "High Heaven rejects the lore
> Of nicely calculated less or more."

It is the marvelous love of God, our Father, calling for our constraining

love to Him—"deep calling unto deep"—that permeates the Holy Gospel and irradiates all its ordinances and days and sacraments. This kindly light dawns at the very beginning—at our regeneration and adoption—and in our holy baptism it presents, not the bloody right of circumcision, but the bright flowing water which tells of remission and cleansing; and reveals to our trembling faith, not the altar dripping with the blood of the sacrificial slain, but the Holy Table spread with the bread and wine, the Eucharistic memorials of endless praise and thanksgiving; bread to strengthen and wine to make glad the heart; and discloses to us the Holy Day as the Day of the Son of Man, the most gracious and merciful Redeemer—meeting still His people as He met them on the first day of the week, showing to them His hands and His side, and breathing upon them His spirit of peace and heavenly consolation.

How shall we reach the height of this great argument and attain to the comprehension of these blessed privileges? How shall we compass the thought that—"All that we have is Thine O Lord"—our time, our means, our life, our all—"and of Thine own do we give unto Thee?" Surely not by any little system of sumptuary laws—not by legislation at all. God loveth a cheerful giver. He wants not aught at our hands, of time or money, that is bestowed grudgingly. That embassador of His, who tells you that He does has falsified the message or has misconceived his mission. No: all this is a painful misapprehension and perversion of the "Glorious Gospel of the Blessed God."

Not by any such arguments or appeals did the Gospel make its first lodgment in the heart and its first triumph in the life. No! brethren—and must we ever in vain recur to this vital truth—it was through the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, poured out upon the Church, giving the people life, quickening them to repentance and faith, filling their hearts with a holy joy, dissolving the bands of selfishness, and making all of one heart and mind, one brotherhood in Christ. That is the whole history, and it has to be repeated in us. If we would bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, we must have the indwelling of the Spirit.

But when that early love decayed and old habits resumed the mastery, then came in legislation—law to supplement the lack of love—and that Holy Day, which was once a delight and honourable, the remembrancer of all that creation certifies of and redemption makes manifest, came within the purview, and shrank under the pressure, of a bald Ecclesiasticism.

We lament in this our day the lack of interest in the services of the Sanctuary—the refusal of the people to honour the Lord with their substance—there is no meat in the Father's house. We resort to every imaginable device to supply the needed stimulus and to arouse the jaded sensibilities, until we belittle the Church, in popular estimation make mendicants of the Clergy, and do foul dishonour to Him, our Father, at whose sacred feet an enlightened piety would love to lay its highest tribute of homage and adoration. And all is unavailing, or but temporary. It gives stimulus when vitality is lacking.

What does our Heavenly Father want at our hands—what does He seek?

Is it our companionship, our prayers, our money—He, who upholdeth all things by the word of His power, and giveth us all things richly to enjoy? Yes, He wants, He seeks it all, but it is for ourselves. He could dispense with us, but, without Him we are nothing.

We may easily conceive that He might sweep the earth with an Angelic Ministry, who would count it all joy to do His bidding—who would rejoice, as man knows not how to rejoice, over every sinner that repented—and minister unto the heirs of salvation as man knows not how to minister. But, even if we could conceive of a people being saved without loving their Saviour and seeking to save their fellows, where would be the blessedness and honour and riches which flow from our being co-workers with GOD? For there is not only work to be done, but workers to be blessed in their work. So that in some imperfect way we may appropriate to ourselves what our Lord more fully said, "My Father worketh hitherto and I work."

Yes, this world might be dumb, and no note of worship rise from its surface, and no day be hallowed to the recognition and service of the Great Creator; but the minstrelsy of Heaven would not be hushed, nor the joys of created beings be suppressed at our failure to remember the Creator. But what would be our lot, and what would be this earth, without the Day of the Lord, the Ministers of reconciliation, GOD'S Holy Word and Sacraments?

Thank GOD, beloved, that He will accept any portion of our time and any offering at our hands! and consider it an honour all too great that we are summoned to cease from our toils and contemplate the Glory of GOD the Creator, the Grace of our Lord JESUS CHRIST and the Fellowship of the HOLY GHOST the Comforter. And with good old HERBERT exclaim:

> "O Day most calm, most bright
> The fruit of this, the next-world's bud
> The week were dark without thy light."

I conclude in the language of another (Dr. HESSEY, Bampton Lectures, 1860,) to whom I am indebted for very much of what I have written. "To you if "there is any thing further I would say, it is briefly comprehended in the text, "'This is the Day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in "it,' not as servants but as sons. The Day of our Lord's Resurrection, and the "weekly earnest of our own. The Day which reminds men that they are "heirs of GOD, joint heirs with CHRIST, the Son of GOD, the Son of man, "and members one of another. The Day which, above all days, whether "ordinary, or stamped with ecclesiastical honour, is the Day of the Holy "Eucharist, of united prayer, charitable deeds, self meditation, devout perusal "of the Holy Scriptures on the one hand; the Day of Christian rest, Christian "loving kindness, Christian cheerfulness and harmless relaxation on the "other."

And I make mine own the prayer of St. Augustine: "Domine Deus, "quaecumque dixi de Tuo, agnoscant et Tui; si quae de meo, et Tu ignosce "et Tui."

Faithfully, your Bishop,

MOBILE, May, 1878. RICHARD H. WILMER.

APPENDIX B.

Parochial Reports.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE—Rev. Alex. I. Drysdale, Rector.

May 6th, 1878.

Communicants—In 1877, 297; died, 9; removed, 13		Present No.	306
Sunday School—Teachers, 17; scholars, 143		Total	160
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 47; private, 12		Total	59
Baptisms—Adults, 3; infants, 28		Total	31
Confirmations			14
Marriages			7
Funerals			22
Number of Months spent in Parish since last Report			10
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$3,600 00		
Convention Fund	650 00		
Current Expenses	2,425 83—	$6,675 83	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		527 03	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Church Home	1,296 30		
Diocesan Missions	373 09—	1,669 39	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions	44 75		
Foreign Missions	35 25		
University of the South	37 15—	117 15	
Other Contributions for Church purposes		469 13	
Total Expenditures		$9,458 53	

Remarks.—During my absence in the summer, my place was most acceptably supplied by Rev. Wm. Foster Morrison, of the Diocese of Maryland.

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA—Rev. Geo. H. Hunt, Rector.

May 1st, 1878.

Baptisms—Adults, 4; infants, 10		Total	14
Confirmations—1; persons confirmed			22
Marriages			5
Burials			8
Communicants—Reported in 1877	143		
Since lost—By death, 3; by removals, 9	12—	134	
Added by first communion	27		
by removals into the Parish	8—	35	
Present number			169

Sunday School—Teachers, 11; pupils, 75	Total..	86
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		13
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		7
Collections—Weekly Offertory		$1,336 77
Offerings of Sunday School		49 80
By Subscription Lists		92 50
Otherwise		522 80
Total Collections		$2,001 87
Appropriations—To Rector's Salary		$1,123 51
To Convention Assessments		100 00
To Incidental Expenses		174 30
To Interest on Indebtedness		106 66
To Diocesan Missions		58 20
To the Sunday School		20 00
To the Poor		87 20
Total Appropriations		$1,669 87

REMARKS.—During the past season our people have again suffered from a disastrous flood, which swept away the crops along the river, and caused heavy and very general loss throughout the community. The Parish has, of course, felt the effects of this in reduced offerings, and a smaller income than has been reported for eight years past.

The Rector would here gratefully acknowledge the generous kindness of his Vestry in granting him leave of absence during the past summer, which enabled him to spend four months in Moncton, New Brunswick, Diocese of Frederickton, with the view of improving his health. During his absence regular services were held, chiefly by Lay Reading, and, on two Sundays, by the Rev. Rector of St. Paul's, Greensboro', and the Parish seems to have suffered in no way from his prolonged absence.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, EUFAULA—Rev. J. C. DAVIS, Rector.

May 1st, 1878.

Communicants—In 1877, 98; died, 1; removed, 9; received by Letter, 3; received by Confirmation, 7		Present No..	91
Sunday School—Teachers, 7; scholars, 54		Total..	61
Celebration of Holy Communion			12
Baptisms—Infants, 2; adults, 5		Total..	7
Confirmations			7
Marriages			1
Funerals			2
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$1,150 00		
Convention Fund	135 00		
Current Expenses	339 50—	$1,654 50	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms	58 55		
Sunday School	18 55—	$77 10	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions		20 00	
Other Contributions for Church purposes		18 40	
Total Expenditures		$1,770 00	

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'.

Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D., Rector.

May 1st, 1878.

Communicants—In 1877, 130; died, 3; removed, 7 ..... Present No.			133
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 50 ..... Total..			56
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 16; private, 2 ..... Total.			18
Baptisms			8
Confirmations			11
Marriages			5
Funerals			6
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$877 73		
Convention Fund	150 00		
Current Expenses	39 50		
Repairs	192 65		
Other purposes	10 00—	$1,269 88	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		23 15	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions		107 40	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions	6 80		
Foreign Missions	6 80		
University of the South	10 00—	23 60	
Total Expenditures		$1,424 03	

Remarks.—Of the amounts reported above, $135 45 were presented by the Sunday School at the Easter Festival.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, UNIONTOWN.

May 1st, 1878.

Communicants—Removed, 4 ..... Present No..		38
Baptized persons not Communicants		32
Total Parishioners		70
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		2
Baptisms		2
Funerals		2
Parochial Expenditures—		
Convention Fund	$70 00	
Repairs	45 00—	$115 00
Total Expenditures		$115 00

Remarks.—We have had no regular Ministerial services during the past twelve months, and if any collections or contributions have been made no record has been kept, and consequently the amount is unknown. We have been in correspondence with a Clergyman, who has accepted the charge of the Parish, and we are looking forward with confidence to his presence among us in a short time.

ED. SHEILD, Senior Warden.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.

Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, D.D., Rector.

May 8th, 1878.

Communicants—in 1877, 450; died, 8; removed, 16		Present No.	452
Sunday School—Teachers, 30; Scholars, 180		Total	211
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 27; Private, 5		Total	32
Baptisms			50
Confirmations			26
Marriages			4
Funerals			11
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			11
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$3,000 00		
Convention Fund	650 00		
Current Expenses	1,900 00		
Repairs	400 00—	$5,950 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		250 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Church Home	30 00		
Diocesan Missions	193 29		
Church at Union Springs	75 00		
Church at Prattville	25 00—	323 29	
Other Contributions for Church purposes		200 00	
Total Expenditures		$6,723 29	

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LIVINGSTON.

Rev. A. KINNEY HALL, Officiating.

May 1st, 1878.

Communicants			35
Baptized Persons not Communicants			10
Total Parishioners			45
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 20		Total	25
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			2
Baptisms			6
Confirmations			5
Sunday Services, 29; Holy Days, 5; other days, 40		Total	74
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			4
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$314 15		
Convention Fund	66 25		
Current Expenses	43 50		
Repairs and Improvements	150 00		
Ladies' Society	59 65		
Sunday School	18 00—	$651 55	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		7 35	
Total Expenditures		$658 90	

REMARKS.—I came here the 1st of January, 1878, and the above Report is of work done since that time.

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS—Rev. R. W. BARNWELL, Rector.

May 7th, 1878.

Communicants			72
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 70		Total..	76
Celebration of Holy Communion			15
Baptisms			17
Confirmations			3
Marriages			2
Funerals			5
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			11
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$900 00		
Convention Fund	150 00—	$1,050 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		59 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions		75 00	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions		31 00	
Other Contributions for Church purposes—			
For Rectory, by Ladies' Rectory Society	$192 00		
For a Bell and Bell Tower	504 00		
For a Credence Table, by children of Sunday School, as a Memorial to Rev. CHAS. COLEY,	50 00—	746 00	
Total Expenditures		$1,961 00	

REMARKS.—Of the $504 raised for the purchase of a bell and the erection of a tower, $275 were contributed by personal friends of the Rector, to whom he desires here to express his hearty thanks.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE—Rev. F. B. LEE, Rector.

May 1st, 1878.

Communicants in 1877, 55; removed, 1		Present No..	58
Baptized persons not Communicants			54
Total Parishioners			112
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 35		Total..	40
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			11
Baptisms			3
Confirmations			3
Marriages			1
Funerals			4
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$150 00		
Convention Fund	30 00		
Current Expenses	6 00		
Repairs	178 25—	$364 25	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions—(Communion Alms)		22 70	
Total Expenditures		$386 95	

REMARKS.—It affords me much gratification to state that the repairs so long needed in the interior of my Church have been made. The ceiling has been paneled and the walls plastered and kalsomined. The Chancel, also,

and its furniture has undergone alteration which I think is an improvement in appearance as it certainly is in convenience and comfort. These repairs have been made at the sacrifice of great self denial on the part of most of my parishioners, and it is only due to them to say, that even under these circumstances the contributions were made cheerfully.

The appropriation of the 4th Sunday of the month to Camden, Wilcox County, has reduced me to the necessity of alternating the 3d Sundays between Carlowville and County Line—the 1st and 2d only being invariably at these places. Wednesday, morning prayers are held throughout the year in my home Parish, and the Holy Days are observed alternately in one or the other.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, EUTAW.—Rev. S. U. SMITH, Rector.

May 8th, 1878.

Communicants—In 1877, 28; died 1; removed 2		Present No.	32
Sunday School—Teachers 1; scholars 14		Total	15
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			14
Baptisms			7
Confirmations			8
Funerals			2
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$317 85		
Convention Fund	75 00		
Current Expenses	30 00—	$422 85	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		45 40	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Foreign Missions	5 00		
University of the South	5 85—	10 85	
Total Expenditures		$479 10	

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Rector.

May 1st, 1878.

Communicants—In 1877, 56; died, 1; removed 2		Present No.	53
Baptized persons not Communicants			50
Total Parishioners			103
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 34		Total	40
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			10
Baptisms			6
Funerals			3
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$200 00		
Current Expenses	30 00		
Repairs	10 00—	$240 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		39 25	
Total Expenditures		$279 25	

REMARKS.—As the Bishop has not visited this Parish since last Convention, of course no Confirmations could be reported.

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, MARION.

Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D., Minister in Charge.

May 1st, 1878.

Cummunicants—In 1877, 44; died, 1; removed, 4		Present No.	49
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 12; private, 2		Total	14
Baptisms			2
Confirmations			9
Funerals			3
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$82 50		
Convention Fund	50 00—	132 50	
Total Expenditures		$132 50	

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE—Rev. J. A. Massey, D. D., Rector.

May 8th, 1878.

Communicants—In 1877, 467; added, 20; died, 9; removed, 28; Present No.			450
Sunday School—Teachers, 19; scholars, 150		Total	169
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 20; private, 8		Total	28
Baptisms			58
Confirmations			16
Marriages			11
Funerals			32
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			9
Parochial Expenditures—			
Convention Fund		$400 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms	$240 00		
For debt of the Parish—Easter offering	705 00—	945 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Church Home	661 00		
Diocesan Missions	65 00—	726 00	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions	9 40		
Foreign Missions	10 75		
University of the South	10 25—	30 40	
Total Expenditures		$2,101 10	

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE.

Rev. J. M. Banister, D. D., Rector.

May 1st, 1878.

Communicants—In 1877, 263; died, 3; removed, 5	Present No.	256
Sunday School—Teachers, 14; scholars, 174	Total	188
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 16; private, 4	Total	20
Baptisms—Adults, 2; Infants, 21	Total	23
Confirmations		20
Marriages		2
Funerals		8
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report, about		11

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$1,800 00	
Convention Fund	350 00	
Current Expenses	195 05	
Repairs	62 50—	$2,407 55
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	309 00	
Children's offering at their Easter Festival	421 85—	730 85
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		47 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	7 55	
Foreign Missions	7 55	
University of the South	17 00—	32 10
Other Contributions for Church purposes		50 00
Total Expenditures		$3,267 50

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.—Rev. Frank Hallam, Rector.

May 7th, 1878.

Communicants—In 1877, 179; died, 3; removed, 6	Present No. 183
Sunday School—Teachers, 14; scholars, 119	Total. 133
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public	32
Baptisms	35
Confirmations	13
Marriages	5
Funerals	6
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report	11

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$2,000 00	
Convention Fund	325 00	
Current Expenses	198 00	
Repairs	4 40—	$2,527 40
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		97 60
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		16 00
Other Contributions for Church purposes		10,580 00
Total Expenditures		$13,221 16

Remarks.—Through the liberality of the people of this Parish, and with the use of certain property held by the Parish, under the blessing of God, the debt upon the Church building which stood at about $20,700 00, has been reduced to $1,100 00, which amount it is the intention of the ladies of the Parish and children of the Sunday School to pay.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON STATION.

Rev. R. W. Barnwell, Rector.

May 6th, 1878.

Communicants	17
Celebration of Holy Communion	Monthly.
Baptisms	2
Confirmations	1

Parochial Expenditures—Salary of Rector	$200 00
Convention Fund	90 00
Repairs	175 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—Diocesan Missions	19 75
Total Expenditures	$484 75

REMARKS.—The $90 mentioned in the above Report includes the $45 arrears for last year. Services in this Parish are held one Sunday in every month.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, FORK OF GREENE.

Rev. S. U. SMITH, Rector.

May 8th, 1878.

Communicants—In 1877, 18; died, 1; removed, 4 ..... Present No.	16
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public	8
Baptisms	3
Confirmations	4
Marriages	1
Funerals	2
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report	12
Parochial Expenditures—Salary of Rector	$ 206 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—Communion Alms	14 90
Total Expenditures	$ 220 90

REMARKS—Forkland and its vicinity, about two miles south of St. Mark's, has eleven confirmed members of the Church, not counted in the above Report.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MOBILE—Rev. T. J. BEARD, Rector.

May 6th, 1878.

Communicants—In 1877, 587; died, 10; removed, 25 ..... Present No.		593
Sunday School—Teachers, 36; scholars, 325 ..... Total		361
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 79; private, 33 ..... Total		112
Baptisms		74
Confirmations		34
Marriages		25
Funerals		36
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$1,900 00	
Convention Fund	200 00	
Current Expenses	217 75	
Repairs	413 74—	$2,731 49
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	162 20	
Sunday School	121 25	
Parish Aid Society	42 00—	325 45
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Church Home	581 80	
Diocesan Missions	89 10—	670 90
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	17 00	
Foreign Missions	17 00	
University of the South	3 00—	37 00
Total Expenditures		$3,764 84

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MARENGO COUNTY.

May 7th, 1878.

Communicants—In 1877, 31; Present number (who communed within twelve months)			23
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			9
Baptisms			1
Marriages			3
Funerals			5
Parochial Expenditures—			
Convention Fund	$50 00		
Current Expenses	58 95—	$108 95	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions		10 00	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions	4 35		
Foreign Missions	4 35		
University of the South	19 25—	27 95	
Total Expenditures		$146 90	

DAVID MINGE, Senior Warden.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOWNDESBORO'.

Rev. F. B. TICKNOR, Deacon in Charge.

May 8th, 1878.

Communicants—In 1877, 16	Present No.	17
Baptized Persons not Communicants		15
Total Parishioners		32
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 20	Total	26
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		2
Baptisms		1
Confirmations		1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		3
Parochial Expenditures—Salary of Rector	$98 00	
Convention Fund	40 00	
Total Expenditures	$138 00	

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SPRING HILL—Rev. F. W. DAMUS, Rector.

May 4th, 1878.

Communicants			30
Baptized persons not Communicants			19
Total Parishioners			49
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			12
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$90 00		
Convention Fund	10 00		
Current Expenses	69 90		
Repairs	52 30—	$222 20	
Total Expenditures		$222 20	

EMMANUEL CHURCH, OPELIKA—Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, Rector.

May 8th, 1878.

Communicants—In 1877, 36; removed, 5		Present No..	39
Baptized persons not Communicants			30
Total Parishioners			69
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 29		Total..	35
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 15; private, 1		Total..	16
Baptisms			9
Confirmations			2
Marriages			2
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$300 00		
Current Expenses	5 50—	$305 50	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—Communion Alms		88 00	
Total Expenditures		$393 50	

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, TALLADEGA—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Rector.

May 1st, 1878.

Communicants—In 1877, 54; died, 1; removed, 1		Present No..	53
Baptized persons not Communicants			50
Total Parishioners			103
Sunday School—Teachers, 3; scholars, 15		Total..	18
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			2
Baptisms			1
Marriages			1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$200 00		
Current Expenses	10 00—	$210 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—Communion Alms		12 30	
Other Contributions for Church purposes		200 00	
Total Expenditures		$422 30	

REMARKS.—As the Bishop has not visited this Parish since the last Convention, no Confirmations could be reported. A good bell has been purchased for the Church here and a bell tower erected, upon which it is hung, which has added to the value of the Church property something like $250.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WHISTLER—Rev. F. W. DAMUS, Rector.

May 7th, 1878.

Communicants		35
Baptized persons not Communicants		50
Total Parishioners		85
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 60	Total..	66
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		3
Baptisms		20
Marriages		2
Funerals		2

REMARKS.—The undersigned, after a lapse of eight years, took charge again of this Parish, at the invitation of the Vestry and with the consent of the Bishop, in November last. The prospects of this Parish are encouraging as far as the attendance at the services of the Church is concerned. He feels also much encouraged by the active help and self-denying labors of some of the ladies and gentlemen in Church work. F. W. DAMUS.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, GREENVILLE.

May 6th, 1878.

Communicants—In 1877, 37; removed, 3		Present No..	44
Baptized persons not Communicants			40
Total Parishioners			84
Sunday School—Teachers, 8; scholars, 46		Total..	54
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			2
Baptisms			8
Confirmations			5
Funerals			1
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$237 50		
Convention Fund	22 50		
Current Expenses	41 75		
Repairs	57 60		
Removal of remains of Rev. J. S. JARRATT, from Milton, Fla.	85 00—		$444 35
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions	2 80		
University of the South	15 00—		17 80
Total Expenditures			$462 15

REMARKS.—Rev. D. F. HOKE, Deacon, officiated semi-monthly in this Parish until 10th of March, since which time lay services have been held every Sunday, and daily services during the greater part of Lent, which have been well attended.

EDWARD CRENSHAW, DAVID BUELL, } Vestrymen.

MONTEVALLO MISSION—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Officiating.

May 1st, 1878.

Communicants—In 1877, 12	Present No..	14
Baptized persons not Communicants		20
Total Parishioners		34
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		1
Baptisms		2
Parochial Expenditures—Salary of Rector		$125 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—Communion Alms		3 70
Other Contributions for Church purposes		75 00
Total Expenditures		$203 70

REMARKS.—As the Bishop has not visited this place since last Convention, no Confirmations could be reported. The prospects of the Church here are as promising as could be reasonable expected.

TRINITY CHURCH, UNION SPRINGS.

Rev. DeB. Waddell, Missionary in Charge.

May 7th, 1878.

Communicants—Died, 1		Present No..	14
Baptized persons not Communicants			16
Total Parishioners			30
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			4
Baptisms			1
Marriages			1
Funerals			1
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$80 00		
Convention Fund	25 00		
Repairs	20 00—	$125 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		8 00	
Total Expenditures		$133 00	

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, DECATUR.

Rev. Chas. E. Cabaniss, Deacon, Officiating.

May 1st, 1878.

Communicants—In 1877, 28; died, 5; removed, 1		Present No..	36
Sunday School—Teachers, 3; Scholars, 15		Total..	18
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 3; Private, 6		Total..	9
Baptisms—Adults, 2; infants, 13—(8 at Decatur, 5 at Whistler)		Total..	15
Confirmations—(Decatur, 1; Mooresville, 4)		Total..	5
Marriages			3
Funerals			12
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$250 00		
Convention Fund	25 00—	$275 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Given to the Poor		2 30	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
University of the South		3 80	
Total Expenditures		$ 281 10	

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, BIRMINGHAM.

Rev. Charles Morris, Rector.

May 4th, 1878.

Communicants—In 1877, 88; died, 1; removed, 4	Present No..	116
Baptized persons not Communicants		40
Total Parishioners		156
Sunday School—Teachers, 10; scholars, 35	Total..	45
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		3
Baptisms		10

Confirmations		7
Marriages		1
Funerals		1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		2
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$465 81	
Convention Fund	50 00	
Current Expenses	39 70	
Repairs	4 00—	$559 51
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—Communion Alms		5 65
Total Expenditures		$565 16

REMARKS.—My predecessor left Birmingham in October last. I commenced work March 1st; the Parish being without a Minister for five months—my being here only two months, hence no contributions for purposes outside the Parish.

GRACE CHURCH, COUNTY LINE—Rev. F. B. LEE, Rector.

May 8th, 1878.

Communicants—In 1877, 45; removed, 5	Present No.	43
Baptized persons not Communicants		42
Total Parishioners		85
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 11; private, 2	Total	13
Baptisms		3
Confirmations		4
Funerals		1
Number of Months visited the Parish since last report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$58 15	
Convention Fund	20 00	
Current Expenses	3 38—	$81 53
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions—Communion Alms		26 27
Total Expenditures		$107 80

ANNISTON MISSION—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Rector.

May 1st, 1878.

Communicants—In 1877, 14; died, 1	Present No.	13
Baptized persons not Communicants		16
Total Parishioners		29
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		2
Baptisms		2
Number of months spent in the Mission since last Report		12
Salary of the Rector		$150 00
Communion Alms		5 50
Contributions for other Church purposes		50 00
Total Expenditures		$205 50

REMARKS.—The Bishop not having visited this place since last Convention, there could be no Confirmations reported.

GRACE CHURCH, CLAYTON—Rev. DeB. Waddell, Rector.

May 7th, 1878.

Communicants		Present No.	24
Baptized persons not Communicants			40
Total Parishioners			64
Sunday School—Teachers, 8; scholars, 33		Total	41
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			16
Baptisms			1
Confirmations			3
Funerals			1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$425 00		
Convention Fund	30 00		
Current Expenses	15 00—	$470 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—Communion Alms		20 75	
Total Expenditures		$490 75	

ATHENS MISSION—Rev. Chas. E. Cabaniss, Deacon, Officiating.

May 1st, 1878.

Communicants—In 1877, 20; removed, 4		Present No.	25
Sunday School—Teachers 4; scholars 20		Total	24
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			2
Baptisms—Infants			3
Confirmations			3
Marriages			2
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$78 32		
Convention Fund	20 00—	$98 32	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		5 30	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
University of the South		7 10	
Total Expenditures		$110 72	

GRACE CHURCH, MORGAN COUNTY.

Rev. Chas. E. Cabaniss, Deacon, Officiating.

May 1st, 1878.

Communicants—In 1877, 28; removed, 3		Present No.	35
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 25		Total	31
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			4
Confirmations			10
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$150 00		
Convention Fund	25 00—	$175 00	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
University of the South		5 00	
Total Expenditures		$180 00	

REPORT OF REV. W. A. STICKNEY.

FAUNSDALE, May 7th, 1878.

To the Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.
Demopolis, Ala.

Since the last Convention I have been able to do the following work in Parishes destitute of clerical services:

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH—MARENGO COUNTY.

Baptisms	1
Marriages	3
Funerals	5
Holy Communion—Public	9

Also, assisted the Lay Reader in most of the Services.

FAUNSDALE CHAPEL—COLORED.

Baptisms	13
Marriages	1
Funerals	3

And some half dozen Services.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS—UNIONTOWN.

Baptisms	2
Holy Communion—Public, 1; private, 1 ... Total	2

RFPORT OF REV. FRANK B. TICKNOR.

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

Since my ordination, January 25th, 1878, I have preached regularly on alternate Sundays at St. Mark's, Prattville, and St. Paul's, Lowndesboro'; and on the fifth Sunday at St. Matthew's, Autaugaville. Have baptized four infants at Prattville, and married one couple in Hayneville—all under direction of Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, Rector of the Churches in Prattville and Lowndesboro'.

FRANK B. TICKNOR, Deacon.

ST. MARK'S PARISH, PRATTVILLE.

Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D., Rector.

Rev. F. B. TICKNOR, Deacon, in Charge.

Communicants	31
Baptized persons not Communicants	21
Total number of Parishioners	52
Sunday School—Teachers, 8; scholars, 35 ... Total	43
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public	4
Baptisms	4
Number of months spent in Parish	3
Parochial Expenditures—	
Salary of Minister	$79 00
Convention Fund	15 00
Communion Alms	2 70
Chandeliers for Church	36 00
Total Expenditures	$132 70

MISSION AT TROY, PIKE COUNTY.

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.
Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama.

Rt. Rev. Father in God:

I beg leave to report that my work at Troy, Pike County, Alabama, is progressing satisfactorily. Since last report I have held regular services, and received into the Church, by baptism, 1 adult and 4 infants.

The Church building will soon be put in a condition to be used. Interest in the Church seems to increase, and I think we have here great promise of success.

Respectfully,
Your Son, in Christ and His Holy Church,
DEB. WADDELL, Missionary in charge.

APPENDIX C.

Report of Trustees of Bishop's Fund.

The undersigned, Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, beg leave to report, that under the resolution and instruction of the last Convention (see Journal, p. 22) all the United States securities belonging to the Fund, were sold, and the proceeds invested in new Bonds issued by the State of Alabama, "Class A." These Bonds have since that time gradually advanced in value, and are now regarded as first-class securities. The balance of Two Hundred and Nine Dollars and Eighty-six Cents, in the hands of the Treasurer at his last report, with the amount collected on the note of SAM'L EDWARDS, have also been invested in the same securities, under the order of the last Convention. The loan to N. H. R. DAWSON has been extended to the 1st day of January, 1880.

No steps have been taken to foreclose the mortgage on the Hamner Hall property.

In changing the investment from United States Bonds to Alabama Bonds, it will be seen that there was a loss to the Fund of Two Hundred and Fifty-three Dollars and Seventy-three Cents, owing to the depreciation of the United States Bonds, between the date of their purchase in 1876, and their sale in 1877.

A list of the securities now held by the Fund is appended to the Report of the Treasurer. This does not include 54 shares of the Capital Stock of the Pensacola and Florida Railroad Company. The Company is insolvent and the Stock is of no value.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. H. R. DAWSON,
H. C. HART,
JOSIAH MORRIS.

DEMOPOLIS, ALA., May 8th, 1878.

Account of Treasurer of Bishop's Fund.

N. H. R. Dawson, *Treasurer*,

in account with **Bishop's Fund.**

1877.	*DR.*	
May 3.—	To balance on hand, as per Report of 1877	$ 209 86
" 23.—	" Proceeds of sale of $3000.00 5 per ct. U. S. Bonds due 1881, @111¾	3,352 50
" " "	" Proceeds of sale of $400.00 6 per ct. U. S. Bonds due 1881, @115¼	461 00
Nov'r 7.—	" Amount collected on note of Sam'l Edwards	100 00
1878.		
Jan'y 4.—	" Interest on note of N. H. R. Dawson	400 00
" 18.—	" July and January Interest on $9,500.00 Alabama Bonds, @2 per cent	190 00
Feb. 18.—	" July and January Interest on City of Selma Bonds, Nos 52 and 116	114 00
" 21.—	" Amount collected on note of Sam'l Edwards	50 00
Ap'l 22.—	" July and January Interest on City of Selma Bonds, Nos. 53 and 54	80 00
May 6.—	" Amount collected on note of Sam'l Edwards	20 00
		$4,977 36

1877.	*CR.*	
May 22.—	By Express charges on U. S. Bonds to New York	$ 14 00
" 23.—	" Cash paid commissions to R. M. Waters & Co., N. Y.	4 25
" " "	" Cash paid for $1,000.00 Alabama Consolidated Bonds, @40¾	407 50
" " "	" Cash paid for $4,000.00 Alabama Consolidated Bonds, @41½	1,660 00
" " "	" Cash paid for $4,500.00 Alabama Consolidated Bonds, @41½	1,867 50
" " "	" Cash paid commissions to R. M. Waters & Co., N. Y.	11 89
June 8.—	" Express charges on Alabama Bonds from New York.	12 25
1878.		
Mch 8.—	" Cash paid for $500.00 Alabama Consolidated Bonds @43	215 00
" " "	" Cash paid commissions to R. M. Waters & Co., N. Y.	3 00
May " " "	" Henry Barnewall, Treasurer, to balance	781 97
		$4,977 36

Selma, Ala., May 8th, 1878.

LIST OF SECURITIES NOW BELONGING TO BISHOP'S FUND,

WITH THE COST VALUE THEREOF.

Bonds of the City of Selma, each for $500.00, and numbered as follows: 52, 53 and 54	$1,125 00
Bond No. 116 of the City of Selma, for $1,000.00	750 00
Note of N. H. R. Dawson	5,000 00
Note of St. John's Church, at Montgomery	5,000 00
Past due interest on said last mentioned note	1,600 00
Balance due on note of Sam'l Edwards	257 00
Eight Consolidated Bonds of the State of Alabama, of Class A, for $1,000.00 each, and numbered as follows: 2376, 2377, 2378, 4718, 5201, 5203, 5204, 5222	
Fifteen Consolidated Bonds of the State of Alabama, of Class A, for $100.00 each, and numbered as follows: 8371, 8372, 8377, 8409, 8410, 8411, 8542, 8543, 8711, 8793, 8794, 8795, 8796, 8833 and 8848	
One Consolidated Bond of the State of Alabama, of Class A, for $500.00, numbered 6305	
The cost of the above Alabama Bonds, including commissions and charges, for change of investment, being	4,195 39
Total	$17,927 39

APPENDIX D.

Report of the Registrar.

To the Forty-Seventh Annual Convention of the Diocese of Alabama:

Since my last Report I have received the following documents and papers, which have been duly filed :

TITLE DEEDS.

1. H. R. and EVILINE L. KING to Protestant Episcopal Church, property in City of Mobile, west side of Wilkinson Street, between Palmetto and Charleston Streets.
2. WILLIAM COX and MARGARET COX to EVILINE L. KING, same property.
3. Deeds to Rectory property Christ Church Tuskaloosa, viz : (1) ELIZABETH T. STREET, ROBERT S. GOULD and S. B. GOULD to Protestant Episcopal Church ; (2) Power of Attorney of ROBERT S. GOULD and S. B. GOULD to ELIZABETH T. STREET, authorizing execution of above Conveyance ; (3) Deed of HUGH T. MATHEWS to Protestant Episcopal Church.
4. Deed St. Mark's Church, Prattville—HENRY F. DEBARDELEBEN and wife and others to Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. Mark's Church, Prattville.
5. St. Thomas' Church, Greenville—M. C. TAYLOR to the Vestrymen of St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, Alabama.

SENTENCES OF CONSECRATION.

1. St. Mark's Church, Prattville.
2. St. Thomas' Church, Greenville.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Mortgage of EVILINE L. KING and H. R. KING to WILLIAM COX—property on Wilkinson Street, Mobile—duly canceled.
2. Vouchers of STEPHENS CROOM, Esq., as Treasurer of the Diocesan Mission Fund, for 1876–1877.
3. Statement and Vouchers of HENRY BARNEWALL, Treasurer Diocese of Alabama, for year ending May 1st, 1877.

Respectfully submitted.

GAYLORD B. CLARK, Registrar.

MAY 6th, 1878.

APPENDIX E.

Diocesan Treasurer's Account.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 9, 1878.

HENRY BARNEWALL, *Treasurer*,

In Account with THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

1877.	*DR.*	
May 3.—To Balance		$468 56
	Athens Mission	20 00
	Anniston Mission	10 00
	Christ Church, Mobile	650 00
	Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	100 00
	Church of the Advent, Birmingham	50 00
	Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	80 00
	Church of the Nativity, Huntsville	350 00
	Grace Church, Clayton	5 00
	Grace Church, Morgan County	25 00
	Grace Church, Portland	20 00
	Montevallo Mission	15 00
	St. Andrew's Parish, Macon	90 00
	St. James' Parish, Eufaula	135 00
	St. John's Church, Montgomery	650 00
	St. John's Parish, Mobile	200 00
	St. James' Parish, Livingston	66 25
	St. Luke's Parish, Jacksonville	40 00
	St. Mary's Parish, Evergreen	6 00
	St. Mary's Church, Camden	10 00
	St. Mark's, Fork of Greene	30 95
	St. Michael's, Marengo Co	50 00
	St. Paul's Church, Carlowville	37 50
	St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'	150 00
	St. Paul's Parish, Decatur	25 00
	St. Paul's Parish, Spring Hill	10 00
	St. Paul's Parish, Selma	325 00
	St. Peter's Parish, Talladega	20 00
	St. Stephen's Parish, Eutaw	75 00
	St. Thomas' Parish, Greenville	34 80
	St. Wilfrid's Parish, Marion	50 00
	Trinity Church, Mobile	300 00
	Trinity Church, Demopolis	150 00
1878. May 8.—To N. H. R. Dawson, Treasurer Bishop's Fund		781 97
		$5,031 03

1877. *CR.*

May. 7—By paid Rev. R. H. Cobbs, Secretary to Convention			$50 00
" " Geo. L. Parish, Sexton Christ Church, Mobile, services at Convention			10 00
26— " " Piedmont and Arlington Life Insurance Company, Premium on Policy No. 3400, Life of Bishop R. H. Wilmer			129 25
July 9— " " Henry Farrow & Co., printing Journal	$182 50		
Postage and Express Charges	12 15	—194 65	
Dec. 10— " remitted Lloyd W. Wells, Treasurer General Convention, Sight Draft on N. Y.	$75 00		
Discount	10	— 74 90	
1878.			
Mch 29—By remitted same as above P. O. Order	25 00		
Expenses on Order	15	— 25 15	
Apr. 8.— " paid Postage Stamps			75
" " Bishop R. H. Wilmer, in sundry payments, as per vouchers			4,100 00
" Balance			446 33
			$5,031 03

May 9.—To Balance $446 33

E. & O. E. HENRY BARNEWALL, Treasurer,
MOBILE, May 9th, 1878. Diocese of Alabama.

LIST OF PARISHES IN ARREARS.

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	$ 200 00
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville	150 00
Courtland Mission	20 00
Emmanuel Church, Opelika	90 00
*Grace Church, Clayton	30 00
St. Andrew's Parish, Hayneville	10 00
St. David's Parish, Dallas County	35 00
St. Luke's Parish, Cahaba	25 00
St. John's Parish, Elyton	35 00
St. John's Parish, Tuscumbia	25 00
*St. Mark's Parish, Fork of Greene	39 20
†St. Mark's Parish, Prattville	15 00
St. Mary's Parish, Evergreen	10 00
St. Mary's Parish, Tallassee	10 00
St. Mathew's Parish, Autaugaville	60 00
*St. Paul's Parish, Lowndesboro'	40 00
St. Paul's Parish, Whistler	50 00
St. John's Parish, Madison Station	30 00
St. Thomas' Parish, Greenville	17 70
Scottsboro' Mission	15 00
Trinity Parish, Florence	25 00
*Trinity Church, Mobile	100 00
Trinity Parish, Union Springs	20 00
	$1,051 90

* Settled after Treasurer's accounts were closed.

† Paid $11 25 after Treasurer's accounts were closed.

HENRY BARNEWALL, Treasurer,
Diocese of Alabama.

APPENDIX F.

Annual Report of Treasurer of the Diocesan Mission Fund.

STEPHENS CROOM, *Treasurer*,

In Account with the DIOCESAN MISSION FUND OF ALABAMA.

DR.

To Balance at last Annual Report	$430 05
To Received since last Annual Report from—	
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville	47 50
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	58 20
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'	94 85
Trinity Church, Demopolis	75 00
St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station	19 75
St. Michael's Church, Marengo	10 00
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	14 00
St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion	8 00
St. Paul's Church, Selma	23 35
St. David's Church, Dallas	8 55
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville	23 60
Grace Church, Portland	55 00
St. John's Church, Montgomery	193 29
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro'	19 15
Emmanuel Church, Opelika	9 95
Seale Station Mission	10 05
Union Springs Mission	1 85
Grace Church, Clayton	2 20
St. James' Church, Eufaula	20 00
Troy Mission	7 00
Christ Church, Mobile	115 86
Christ Church, Mobile—Sunday School Easter offering	257 23
Trinity Church, Mobile	64 85
St. John's Church, Mobile	89 10
St. Paul's Church, Yonkers, N. Y	5 00
Anonymous	2 00
Loaned by the Bishop from Church Home Funds	140 00
	$1,805 38

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1877.	By paid the Bishop's drafts in favor of and dated—	Voucher No.	
Apr. 4.—	Rev. DeB. Waddell	1	$ 50 00
" 18.—	" J. H. Ticknor	2	50 00
" 26.—	" H. D. Green, for the Church at Troy	3	100 00
May 4.—	" Peter Wager	4	40 00
" "—	" DeB. Waddell	5	30 00
" "—	" J. F. Smith	6	30 00
" 5.—	" D. F. Hoke	7	20 00
" 14.—	" F. B. Lee	8	50 00
" 22.—	" F. B. Lee	9	150 00
July 1.—	" DeB. Waddell	10	50 00
" 11.—	" Peter Wager	11	50 00
Aug. 17.—	" D. F. Hoke	12	40 00
" 25.—	Mission Tracts	13	15 00
Nov 8.—	Rev. J. F. Smith	14	50 00
Dec. 20.—	*Church Home Fund	15	37 35
" "—	Rev. A. K. Hall	16	16 00
" 22.—	" DeB. Waddell	17	20 00
" 31.—	*Church Home Fund	18	102 65
1878.			
Jan'y 4.—	Rev. Peter Wager	19	10 00
" 5.—	" DeB. Waddell	20	50 00
" "—	" J. F. Smith	21	30 00
Feb'y 2.—	" Chas. Morris	22	50 00
" 11.—	" J. H. Ticknor	23	9 95
" 19.—	" DeB. Waddell	24	75 00
" 27.—	" D. F. Hoke	25	35 00
Apr 24.—	The Church at Scottsboro'	26	100 00
" "—	Rev. F. B. Ticknor	27	30 00
" "—	" J. F. Smith	28	75 00
" "—	" DeB. Waddell	29	75 00
May 3.—	Mission Books and Tracts	30	20 00
	By paid for quarterly statements	31	4 05
	By balance on hand		340 38
			$1,805 38

* These drafts were drawn to repay the money loaned during the year by the Bishop to this Fund from the Church Home Fund.

Respectfully submitted.

S. CROOM, Treasurer.

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May 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th,

A. D. 1879.

MOBILE:
HENRY FARROW & CO., PRINTERS.
1879.

List of Clergy in the Diocese of Alabama.

	Post Office.
RT. REV. RICHARD H. WILMER, D. D.	Mobile.
REV. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., Church of the Nativity	Huntsville.
" ROBERT W. BARNWELL, Trinity Church, Demopolis, and St. Andrew's, Macon	Demopolis.
" T. J. BEARD, St. John's Church	Mobile.
" R. H. COBBS, D. D., St. Wilfrid's, Marion, St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'	Greensboro'.
" *THOS. A. COOK, Planters' Institute	Alpine P. O.
" *F. W. DAMUS, St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill	Mobile.
" J. C. DAVIS, St. James' Church	Eufaula.
" ALEX. I. DRYSDALE, Christ Church, Mobile	Mobile.
" GEO. W. EVERHART, D. D., Rector of Hamner Hall	Montgomery.
" *FRANK D. GILBERT, B. D	
" *FRANK HALLAM	Baltimore.
" GEO. H. HUNT, Christ Church	Tuskaloosa.
" F. B. LEE, St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, St. Mary's Church, Camden, and Grace Church, Portland	Minter's.
" J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Trinity Church	Mobile.
" *B. F. MOWER, St. John's Church, Tuscumbia, and Trinity Church, Florence	Florence.
" W. J. PERDUE	Gadsden.
" S. U. SMITH, St. Mark's, Fork of Greene, and St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw	Eutaw.
" J. F. SMITH, St. Luke's, Jacksonville, Montevallo, and St. Peter's Church, Talladega	Talladega.
" *WM A. STICKNEY, St. Michael's Church	Faunsdale.
" HORACE STRINGFELLOW, JR., D. D., St. Mark's, Prattville, St. Paul's, Lowndesboro', and St. John's, Montgomery	Montgomery.
" J. H. TICKNOR, D. D., Emmanuel Church	Opelika.
" DEB. WADDELL, Troy, Union Springs, and Grace Church, Clayton	Clayton.

	Post Office.
REV. JAMES R. WINCHESTER, St. David's, Dallas, and Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.....	Uniontown.

DEACONS.

" CHAS. E. CABANISS, St. Paul's, Decatur, Athens, Courtland, and Grace Church, Morgan Co.....	Trinity.
" A. KINNEY HALL, St. Alban's, Gainesville, and St. James' Church, Livingston.....	Livingston.
" *D. F. HOKE, Ministering at	Anniston.
" JAMES D. PORTER, Officiating at Evergreen and St. Thomas' Church.....	Greenville.
" *ASA J. ROBERTS, Missionary in the Counties about	Mobile.
" FRANK B. TICKNOR, St. Mark's, Prattville, St. Andrew's, Hayneville, and St. Paul's Church.....	Lowndesboro'.
" *JAS. A. VAN HOOSE.....	Sewanee.

Those marked (*) were not in attendance.

Deaconesses.

Sister HARRIET	Church	Home,	Mobile.
" GRACE	"	"	"
" REBECCA	"	"	"
" IRENE	"	"	"
" ELIZABETH.....	"	"	"

Postulants.

LOUIS L. WILLIAMS. HENRY J. WINN.

Candidates for Deacon's Orders.

STEWART McQUEEN. W. T. KING JONES.

Candidates for Priest's Orders.

ARTHUR P. GREENLEAF. CHAS. E. CABANISS.

Lay Readers.

Edwin Shield, Uniontown.
J. W. Clay, Huntsville.
Jas. H. Fitts, Tuskaloosa.
David Buell, Greenville.
W. D. Whetstone, Prattville.
Jas. H. Gray, Decatur.
Chas. L. Stickney, Greensboro'.
David H. Minge, Faunsdale.
Jas. W. Hall, Geneva.
John H. Forney, Selma.
Job Turner, Deaf Mute.
A. L. Kron, Decatur.
J. L. Tefft, Athens.
A. Benners, Greensboro'.
H. H. Whetstone, Lowndesboro'.
Henry J. Winn, St. David's.
Alex. Colville, Tallassee.
Wm. Minor Lile, Trinity.
A. C. Matheson, Jr., Camden.
M. R. Jarvis, Selma.
Peter Bryce, Tuskaloosa.
D. Poyner, Eutaw.
D. F. Prout, Demopolis.
H. E. Willard, Decatur.
J. H. Hine, Athens.

Standing Committees of the Convention.

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" EDWIN SHIELD,
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" W. J. PERDUE,
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SECRETARY.

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MR. HENRY BARNEWALL, MOBILE.

TREASURER OF THE DIOCESAN MISSIONARY FUND.

MR. STEPHENS CROOM, MOBILE.

REGISTRAR.

MR. GAYLORD B. CLARK, MOBILE.

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REV. ALEX. I. DRYSDALE, MR. F. B. CLARK,
MR. JAMES BOND, Secretary, MOBILE.

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REV. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.
MR. N. H. R. DAWSON. MR. J. H. FITTS.

Treasurer of the University of the South for Alabama.

MR. F. B. CLARK, MOBILE.

COMMITTEE OF ADVICE IN REGARD TO CHURCH PROPERTY.

MR. N. W. PERRY, MR. R. MOORE, MR. JAMES BOND,
MOBILE, ALA.

List of Lay Deputies.

Christ Church, Mobile.

F. B. Clark,
Wm. H. Ross,
Stephens Croom,
Henry Barnewall,
T. S. Fry.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

C. L. Stickney,
A. Benners,
V. G. Snedecor,
J. G. Harvey,
C. E. Waller.

Trinity Church, Demopolis.

F. S. Lyon,
*E. H. C. Bailey,
D. F. Prout.

St. James' Church, Livingston.

*Thos. Cobbs,
*R. T. Thornton,
*W. R. DeLoach,
*J. G. Whitfield,
*J. B. Cobbs.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.

*Joel White,
P. Lockett,
J. L. Cobbs,
*C. T. Pollard,
*Josiah Morris.

St. John's Church, Mobile.

Jas. Bond,
*Dan Harris,
*John Bright,
*W. H. Beatty,
*P. C. Candidus,

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

Jas. H. Fitts,
*E. H. C. Snow,
*Robert Jamison,
R. C. Randolph,
*Jno. J. Harris.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.

*N. H. R. Dawson,
R. M. Nelson,
*E. K. Carlisle,
*J. H. Forney,
B. H. Riggs.

St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.

*H. L. Alison,
*B. Reynolds, Jr.
*J. D. Alison,
*T. B. Lee,
W. A. Bibb.

St. James' Church, Eufaula.

*W. H. Bray,
*H. R. Shorter,
*Dozier Thornton,
*H. C. Hart.

St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.

E. F. Campbell,
Jas. B. Head,
*R. E. Watkins,
*D. Poyner,
*F. P. Jarvis.

Trinity Church, Mobile.

*H. T. Toulmin,
*R. Adams,
*R. Moore,
*L. A. George,
*A. M. Wilmarth.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.

*L. N. WALTHALL,
S. W. MCKERRAL,
JAMES GREGORY.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo Co.

DAVID MINGE,
A. J. BETHEA,
CHAS. D. WALKER.

St. David's Church, Dallas Co.

F. M. DANSBY.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station.

W. P. BOCOCK,
*W. P. GORDON,
H. A. TAYLOE,
W. W. DUGGER.

St. Thomas' Church, Greenville.

DAVID BUELL.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

EDWIN SHIELD,
*JOS. M. DAVIDSON,
JOHN M. MUNFORD.

St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville.

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A. F. SHERMAN.

Church of the Advent, Birmingham.

R. H. PEARSON,
W. L. MUDD,
*J. E. HAWKINS,
*G. W. HEWITT,
ELLIS PHELAN.

Grace Church, Clayton.

H. D. CLAYTON,
*J. C. MCNAB,
*E. R. QUILLIN,
*JOSEPH SLATON.

Those maked thus (*) were not in attendance.

Diocesan Institutions.

HAMNER HALL FEMALE SEMINARY, MONTGOMERY,

Rev. G. M. EVERHART, D. D., RECTOR.

CHURCH HOME FOR ORPHAN GIRLS,
CHURCH HOME FOR ORPHAN BOYS, } MOBILE.

Under the care of a Sisterhood.

Sister HARRIET, Chief Deaconess, Warren Street, MOBILE.

Examiners.

REV. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.

REV. GEO. H. HUNT,
" R. H. COBBS, D. D.
" H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D.

REV. J. H. TICKNOR, D. D.
" J. A. MASSEY, D. D.
" T. J. BEARD.

Literary Examiners.

REV. F. W. DAMUS,

REV. ALEX. I. DRYSDALE.

Convocations.

AS APPOINTED FOR THE YEAR 1879.

1st. CONVOCATION OF HUNTSVILLE.

REV. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., Dean.

This Convocation, for the present, will embrace the counties of Madison, Limestone, Lawrence, Franklin and Lauderdale.

2d. CONVOCATION OF TUSKALOOSA.

REV. GEO. H. HUNT, Dean.

This Convocation, for the present, will embrace the counties of Sumter, Greene, Tuskaloosa, Jefferson, Blount, Etowah, Calhoun, Talladega and Shelby.

3d. CONVOCATION OF SELMA.

REV. R. H. COBBS, D. D., Dean.

This Convocation, for the present, will embrace the counties of Dallas, Perry, Marengo, Hale, Choctaw and Wilcox.

4th. CONVOCATION OF MONTGOMERY.

REV. HORACE STRINGFELLOW, D. D., Dean.

This Convocation, for the present, will embrace the counties of Barbour, Russell, Tallapoosa, Lee, Elmore, Bullock, Montgomery, Butler, Conecuh, Lowndes and Autauga.

5th. CONVOCATION OF MOBILE.

REV. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Dean.

This Convocation, for the present, will embrace the city of Mobile and parts adjacent.

Journal of Proceedings.

The Forty-Eighth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, assembled in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', May 14th, 1879.

Morning Prayer was said at 10½ o'clock A. M., and the Sermon was preached by the Rev. DEB. WADDELL, from the texts:

ST. JOHN: Ch. 18, verse 37—"To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth." and

ACTS: Ch. 1, verse 8—"Ye shall receive power after that the HOLY GHOST is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rector of the Parish, Rev. R. H. COBBS, D. D.

After Service, the Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. President, who presented the following

List of Clergy entitled to a Seat and a Vote in the Convention of 1879.

RT. REV. RICH'D H. WILMER, D. D.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.
" R. W. BARNWELL,
" T. J. BEARD,
" R. H. COBBS, D. D.
" CHAS. E. CABANISS,
" F. W. DAMUS,
" J. C. DAVIS,
" A. I. DRYSDALE,
" A. K. HALL,
" D. F. HOKE,
" GEO. H. HUNT,
" F. B. LEE,

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D.
" B. F. MOWER,
" W. J. PERDUE,
" A. J. ROBERTS,
" S. U. SMITH,
" J. F. SMITH,
" W. A. STICKNEY,
" H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D.
" J. H. TICKNOR, D. D.
" FRANK B. TICKNOR,
" DEB. WADDELL,
" J. R. WINCHESTER.

The Secretary of the last Convention called the Roll as thus presented, and the following answered to their names, viz:

Rt. Rev. RICH'D H. WILMER, D. D.

Rev. R. W. Barnwell,	Rev. J. A. Massey, D. D.
" T. J. Beard,	" W. J. Perdue,
" R. H. Cobbs, D. D.	" S. U. Smith,
" Chas. E. Cabaniss,	" J. F. Smith,
" J. C. Davis,	" H. Stringfellow, D. D.
" A. I. Drysdale,	" J. H Ticknor, D. D.
" A. K. Hall,	" F. B. Ticknor,
" G. H. Hunt,	" DeB. Waddell,
" F. B. Lee,	" J. R. Winchester.

In compliance with the Canon, the Treasurer of the Diocese presented the following list of Parishes entitled to representation in this Convention:

Christ Church, Mobile.	St. John's Church, Montgomery.
Athens Mission.	Church of the Advent, Birmingham.
Anniston Mission.	Grace Church, Portland.
Grace Church, Morgan County.	St. James' Church, Eufaula.
St. John's Church, Mobile.	St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.	St. Michael's Church, Marengo Co.
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.	St. Paul's Church, Decatur.
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.	St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro'.
St. Paul's Church, Selma.	St. Mary's Church, Camden.
St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.	St. Peter's Church, Talladega.
Montevallo Mission.	Grace Church, Clayton.
Trinity Church, Demopolis.	St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station.
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.	St. Mark's Church, Prattville.
St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville.	St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene.
St. James' Church, Livingston.	Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

The List of Parishes so entitled was then called, and Credentials of Lay Deputies were presented and referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Beard, S. U. Smith and Cabaniss.

This Committee reported the following Lay Deputies entitled to seats:

Christ Church, Mobile.

F. B. Clark,		W. H. Ross,
Stephens Croom,	T. S. Fry,	Henry Barnewall.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

C. L. Stickney,		A. Penners,
V. G. Snedecor.	J. G. Harvey,	C. E. Waller.

Trinity Church, Demopolis.

F. S. Lyon, E. H. C. Bailey, D. F. Prout.

St. James' Church, Livingston.

Thos. Cobbs, R. T. Thornton,
W. R. DeLoach, J. G. Whitfield, J. B. Cobbs.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Joel White, P. Lockett,
J. L. Cobbs, C. T. Pollard, Josiah Morris.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.

N. H. R. Dawson, J. H. Forney, R. M. Nelson,
E. K. Carlisle, B. H. Riggs.

St. James' Church, Eufaula.

W. H. Bray, H. R. Shorter, H. C. Hart.

St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.

E. F. Campbell, Jas. B. Head,
R. E. Watkins, D. Poyner, F. P. Jarvis.

St. John's Church, Mobile.

James Bond, Dan Harris,
John Bright, W. H. Beatty, P. C. Candidus.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo County.

David Minge, A. J. Bethea, Chas. D. Walker.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station.

W. P. Bocock, W. P. Gordon,
H. A. Tayloe, W. W. Dugger.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

Edwin Shield, Jos. M. Davidson, John M. Munford.

St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville.

I. F. Haighler, A. F. Sherman.

Church of the Advent, Birmingham.

R. H. Pearson, W. L. Mudd,
J. E. Hawkins, G. W. Hewitt, Ellis Phelan.

Grace Church, Clayton.

H. D. Clayton, J. C. McNab,
E. K. Quillin, Joseph Seaton.

Their names being called, the following were found to be present, viz:

MESSRS. H. BARNEWALL, MESSRS. C. L. STICKNEY, MESSRS. A. BENNERS,
V. G. SNEDECOR, J. G. HARVEY, C. E. WALLER,
D. F. PROUT, P. LOCKETT, J. L. COBBS,
R. M. NELSON, E. F. CAMPBELL, B. H. RIGGS,
DAVID MINGE, CHAS. D. WALKER, A. J. BETHEA,
EDWIN SHIELD, JOHN M. MUNFORD, W. L. MUDD,
H. D. CLAYTON, A. F. SHERMAN.

A quorum being present, the President announced the Convention duly organized.

Rev. R. H. COBBS, D. D., was nominated and elected Secretary.

On motion, the Rules of Order of last Convention were adopted for the government of this Convention.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended, and the following Resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to consult with the Rector and Delegation of St. John's Church, Montgomery, in reference to the settlement of the mortgage held by the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, with accrued interest, upon "Hamner Hall," and report as early as possible to this Convention.

Rev. R. H. COBBS, D. D., Rev. S. U. SMITH, A. BENNERS, H. D. CLAYTON and JAMES BOND were appointed said Committee.

On motion, the Rules of Order were still further suspended, and a Memorial from the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, was presented, and was referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Mr. DRYSDALE, Mr. PROUT and Dr. RIGGS.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That visiting Clergy from other Dioceses, and Candidates for Orders, be invited to seats in this Convention.

Under this Resolution, the Rev. Dr. EVERHART, of the Diocese of Wisconsin, and Mr. JAS. D. PORTER, of Greenville, Ala., reported themselves and took their seats.

On motion, Convention took a recess till 5 o'clock. P. M.

GREENSBORO', May 14th—5 o'clock P. M.

The Convention resumed its session, and the President announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Committee on the State of the Church.—Rev. F. B. Lee, Rev. J. A. Massey, D. D., Rev. J. F. Smith, Rev. DeB. Waddell, Rev. J. H. Ticknor, D. D., Messrs. David Minge, Edwin Shield, C. E. Waller, W. L. Mudd and A. F. Sherman.

Committee on Canons.—Rev. H. Stringfellow, D. D., Rev. Geo. H. Hunt, Rev. J. M Banister, D. D., Messrs. Powhatan Lockett, James Bond and David Buell.

Committee on Finance.—Messrs. R. M. Nelson, H. Barnewall. Jno. L. Cobbs, C. L. Stickney, D. F. Prout, Rev. A. I. Drysdale, Rev. R. W. Barnwell, Rev. W. J. Perdue and Rev. T. J. Beard.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D., Mr. E. F. Campbell.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese presented the following Annual Communication:

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Alabama, report that it was duly organized May 28th, 1878, by election of Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., as President, and Mr. JAMES BOND, as Secretary.

The official acts of the Committee during the year were, giving their consent, July 3d, 1878, to the application of Rev. Mr. CABANISS for a dispensation, in accordance with Canon 2, Sec. 6, Title 1; recommending ARTHUR P. GREENLEAF, July 27th, 1878, to the Bishop to be admitted a Candidate for Holy Orders; February 10th, 1879, giving consent to the transfer of the Rt. Rev. Bishop WINGFIELD, from the Missionary Jurisdiction of Northern California to the Diocese of Louisiana, and May 5th, 1879, recommending Mr. JAS. D. PORTER to the Bishop to be ordained Deacon.

J. A. MASSEY, President.

On motion, the Bishop's Address was postponed and made the Order of the Day for Thursday, 10 o'clock, A. M.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended, and the Reading of Parochial Reports was dispensed with, and the same were ordered to be placed on the Secretary's table.

On motion, the Rules of Order were still further suspended: the Reports of the Trustees and Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund were presented and received, and, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the session of the Convention shall continue daily from 9 o'clock A. M. to 2 o'clock P. M.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for Standing Committee of the Diocese: Rev. Messrs. BARNWELL and CABANISS being appointed Tellers. The balloting resulted in the election of

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D.
Rev. T. J. BEARD,
Rev. A. I. DRYSDALE,
and Messrs. W. G. JONES,
F. B. CLARK and
JAMES BOND.

The Committee on Credentials reported St. David's Parish, Dallas County, entitled to representation, and Mr. F. M. DANSBY, a Lay Delegate from that Parish, appeared and took his seat.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended, and the election of Delegates to the General Convention was postponed to the next Convention.

The Special Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese in regard to Parishes and Mission Stations in arrears, was presented and received, and on motion, so much of said Report as related to a change of Canon regarding delinquent Parishes, was referred to the Committee on Canons, with instructions to report as to the expediency of amending said Canon.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 9 o'clock A. M. Thursday.

SECOND DAY.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO',
May 15th, 1879—9 o'clock A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After Prayer, the President called the Convention to order. The Roll was called, and a quorum found to be present.

The Rev. Dr. BANISTER and Messrs. W. H. ROSS, F. B. CLARK, T. S. FRY, STEPHENS CROOM, F. S. LYON, JAS. B. HEAD, JAMES BOND, W. P. BOCOCK, R. H. PEARSON, and ELLIS PHELAN, appeared and took their seats.

The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, was declared entitled to representation, and Mr. DAVID BUELL, a Lay Delegate from that Parish, took his seat in Convention.

The Special Committee on Delinquent Parishes submitted the following Resolution, which, on motion, was adopted:

Resolved, That the arrearages of Trinity Church, Mobile, and Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, be remitted by the Convention.

Under this Resolution, Credentials of Lay Deputies were presented by these Parishes, and Mr. JAS. H. FITTS and Mr. P. C. RANDOLPH, of Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, appeared and took their seats.

On motion, the selection of a place for holding the next Convention was made the Order of the Day for Friday at 12 o'clock.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That so much of the Treasurer's Report as relates to Delinquent Parishes be referred to the Special Committee on that subject.

The Rev. Dr. BANISTER and Mr. JAMES H. FITTS were added to the Committee on the Hamner Hall Property, and Mr. W. P. BOCOCK to the Committee on Finance.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion, was reported as entitled to representation.

An amendment to the Canon relating to the form of Parochial Report, was presented and referred to the Committee on Canons.

A Report from the Trustees of the University of the South was presented and read, and on motion, was referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. F. S. LYON, H. D. CLAYTON, F. B. CLARK, Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., and Rev. GEO. H. HUNT.

The hour for the Order of the Day having arrived, the Bishop of the Diocese read his Annual Address to the Convention. (Appendix A.)

On motion, the statistical portion of this Address was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

On motion, the following Resolution proposed by the Committee on Delinquent Parishes, was adopted:

Resolved, That the arrearages on the following Parishes and Mission Stations be remitted by the Convention, viz: St. Luke's Parish, Cahaba, St. Mary's, Tallassee, St. Matthew's, Autaugaville, St, Paul's, Whistler, St. John's Church, Madison Station, Trinity Church, Union Springs, Courtland Mission, Emmanuel Church, Opelika, St. John's Parish, Elyton, Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, St. Mary's Parish, Evergreen, Scottsboro' Mission.

Mr. ELLIS PHELAN was added to the Committee on Finance.

Credentials of Lay Deputies were presented from St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion, and Mr. S. W. MCKERRAL and Mr. JAMES GREGORY, of that Parish, appeared and took their seats.

The following was presented:

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the proposition to repeal Section 3, Canon 1, Title 1, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved, That Section 3, Canon 1, Title 1, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

H. STRINGFELLOW, Chairman.

Objection being made to its consideration, it was laid over, under the Canon, until to-morrow.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That to-morrow, after the Order of the Day has been considered, the Convention shall go into a Committee of the Whole on the State of the Church.

On motion, Mr. HENRY BARNEWALL was re-elected Treasurer of the Diocese of Alabama.

On motion, Mr. STEPHENS CROOM was re-elected Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese was presented, and, on motion, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Convention then proceeded to vote by ballot for Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, Rev. DEB. WADDELL and Mr. W. L. MUDD being appointed tellers. The balloting resulted in the election of

MR. N. H. R. DAWSON, Mr. H. C. HART, Mr. JOSIAH MORRIS.

Mr. DAWSON being designated as Treasurer.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund was presented, and, on motion, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. W. W. DUGGER, of St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station, appeared and took his seat.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 9 o'clock A. M., Friday.

THIRD DAY.

GREENSBORO', ALA.

Friday, May 16th, 1879—9 o'clock A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and after Prayer by the President, the Roll was called and a quorum found to be present.

Credentials of Lay Deputies were presented from St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, and Mr. W. A. BIBB, a member of that Parish, appeared and took his seat.

The following Report was presented and read:

The Committee to which was referred certain reports and papers connected with the University of the South, at Sewanee, make the following Report:

It has been deemed advisable by the authorities of the University to separate the Theological Department from the rest, and to relieve the University altogether of its support.

The University of the South was planned, organized and put in operation by the aid and liberal contributions of the people of more than ten States of the Union. It was most advantageously located, and its success thus far has been even greater than its liberal founders could have hoped for, and there is every prospect of its continued improvement and success.

The Theological Department has been fully organized with four Professors, and has received for its use the liberal donation of a Building which, for all its purposes, is complete.

The separation of the Theological Department from the other Schools of the University, and the determination to place the department upon contributions of the Church for its maintenance, was induced mainly by considerations of economy.

When it is recollected that the Clergy for ten of the States, if not more, will probably in the future be mainly supplied from persons educated at the University of the South, Church funds could not be more profitably expended than in aid of the Theological Department of the University of the South.

It has been estimated that a fund of five thousand dollars per annum will be sufficient to sustain this branch of the University. Five hundred dollars from each one of the ten Southern States would make up the amount.

There is, at present, no fund belonging to the Diocese which could be drawn upon to meet this object—but your Committee are anxious to see the people of this State perform their part in the great work in progress; and recommend, therefore, that each and every Pastor having charge of a Church in the Diocese be requested to bring the subject embraced in this Report to the attention of their respective congregations, and to the notice of the public generally, and ask their aid and assistance in the promotion of a work so important to the public generally; and that any contributions received be

transmitted to the Treasurer of the Diocese, to be by him forwarded to the authorities of the University at Sewanee.

An addition of 12 per cent. to the ordinary assessment upon each Church in the Diocese would raise an amount sufficient to meet the share of the State in a work which all able to do so would doubtless willingly join.

F. S. LYON,
H. D. CLAYTON,
GEO. H. HUNT,
FRANCIS B. CLARK,
J. M. BANISTER.
Committee.

After some discussion, the Report was amended by the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Rector of each Parish be requested to raise the obligations of persons in his Parish, to pay a certain sum each, per annum, in support of the Theological Department of the University of the South provided that this plan shall not affect or interfere with any other that may be deemed better or more advisable by said Rector.

As thus amended, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee be concurred in, its recommendations adopted, and the Secretary be instructed to notify the Rectors of the different Parishes of the action of this Convention.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the adoption of the above Report does not supersede the annual Advent Offerings in behalf of the University of the South; but that it concurs with the action of the Board of Trustees by thus providing supplemental funds.

The following Report was presented and read:

The Committee on the State of the Church respectfully report, that having availed themselves of the sources of information at their disposal, they feel justified in congratulating the representatives of the Diocese here assembled upon a reasonable measure of prosperity and encouraging promise. They are free to admit that a comparative view of the Parochial returns affords no warrant for the very favorable judgment they are disposed to entertain; but it may well be questioned whether the imperfect manner in which many of these are prepared, and the failure of the full number of reports, entitle this source of intelligence to any thing more than a general consideration. May it not be said indeed, that the state of the Church may be more truly determined by generalities than by specific facts which will vary with the circumstances of the Parishes from year to year? A fitful growth is an exhibition due only to extraordinary condition. In the common current of events and in a settled state of the social and ecclesiastical life, but little more is to

be looked for than an increase by natural cause, and those blessings of the Spirit of Grace which God in his wisdom sees fit to vouchsafe to the means employed by his earthly agents for the extension of his kingdom. But apart from and independent of this, there are obtrusive indications of the growth of the Church by constant and yearly accessions from amongst those who were not of her communion. It is a marked characteristic of our household of faith that it has rarely to mourn the defection of its members, whilst numbers are being attracted to it by the peace and order which prevail in the body, and the purity and spirit of its worship and service.

Your Committee are happy to adduce in confirmation of their own impression, the opinion expressed by our Bishop, of the general prevalence of the spirit of Church improvement. Whatever less worthy motives of the few, may be commingled with the purposes of those who are engaged in building and in beautifying the Sanctuaries of God in various parts of our Diocese, the movement is unquestionably an indication of a holy desire on the part of the many to honor the Lord of the Temple and to possess themselves of its sacred privileges.

In conclusion, whilst lamenting that the record of the Church's year has afforded us no warrant for special rejoicing, your Committee would express the hope that the fact may be improved by each and all of us as a monitor of our remissness in the discharge of past duties in the year now past, and as a stimulant to more faithful effort for the year to come, in the cause of Christ and of his salvation.

F. B. LEE, Chairman.

On motion, the Report was received and concurred in.

The following Report was presented and read:

The Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the accounts of Mr. Stephens Croom, as Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, have examined and audited the same, and find them correct; all the items thereof, both on the debit and credit sides, being sustained by proper vouchers. Including the balance then on hand, he has received since the date of the last Convention, the sum of $2,015 55
And has expended 1,720 35

Leaving in his hands a balance of $295 20

R. M. NELSON, Chairman.

A. I. DRYSDALE,
R. W. BARNWELL,
W. P. BOCOCK
CHAS. L. STICKNEY,
W. J. PERDUE,
HENRY BARNEWALL,
D. F. PROUT,
ELLIS PHELAN,
JNO. L. COBBS,
} Committee.

May 16th, 1879.

On motion, this Report was received and concurred in.

The following Report was presented and read:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, and the accounts of the Treasurer thereof, have examined the same, and commend them to the careful attention of the Convention.

The Treasurer's accounts show that he has received from all sources, the sum of	$ 843 65
And that he has expended, in the purchase of one Alabama State Bond for one hundred dollars, and in the payment of $792 40 interest to the Treasurer of the Diocese, the same amount of	843 65

Leaving no balance on hand.

All the interest, accrued and due, upon the bonds and other securities held by the Trustees, have been collected; except that none has been collected on the note and past due interest of St. John's Parish, Montgomery, which now amounts to $7,000 00—$5,000 00 of principal and $2,000 00 of interest; and excepting also the interest upon the last $100 00 Alabama State Bond, which we infer has been bought since the 1st of January, 1879, and hence, no interest is yet due.

Proper vouchers, and other evidences as to both the debit and credit sides of the accounts have been produced before the Committee, and having audited the same, they report them in all respects correct.

With the exception of the $100 00 State bond, purchased by the Trustees, no change has been made in the securities belonging to the Fund since the last Convention, nor have your Committee any recommendation to make concerning the same, in the absence of any suggestions from the Trustees, who having the business in hand, are presumedly the best judges of how it shall be managed.

Certain papers have been laid before your Committee, relating to the note of St. John's Parish, Montgomery, for $5,000, and the mortgage securing the same on the Hamner Hall property. They make no report thereon, as it is understood that all relating to that subject will probably go before a special Committee just constituted for that purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. M. NELSON, Chairman.

W. J. PERDUE,	HENRY BARNEWALL,	Committee.
W. P. BOCOCK,	THOS. J. BEARD,	
D. F. PROUT,	R. W. BARNWELL,	
ELLIS PHELAN,	CHAS. L. STICKNEY,	
JNO. L. COBBS,	A. I. DRYSDALE,	

MAY 16th, 1879.

On motion, this Report was received and concurred in.

The following Report was presented and read:

The Committee on Finance have audited and examined the accounts of Mr. HENRY BARNEWALL, Treasurer of the Diocese, and find them correct in all respects, each item thereof being evidenced and sustained by proper vouchers.

From all sources, including the balance on hand, at the date of his last Report, the Treasurer has received..... $5,478 23
And has disbursed the sum of 5,028 23

Leaving a balance in his hands of..... $ 450 00

For the year just ended there is a balance due on the Bishop's salary of three hundred and eighty dollars and seventy nine cents, which we have included in the estimate of moneys required for the next year.

At his own request, the salary of the Bishop has been reduced five hundred dollars for the next year.

The requirements for the year 1879-80 are as follows :

For balance due Bishop's salary, 1878-9	$ 380 79
For Bishop's salary, 1879-80	4,000 00
Premium on Life Insurance Policy of Bishop	130 00
Printing Journal of Convention	200 00
Expenses of Convention	60 00
For Secretary of Convention	50 00
For Treasurer of Convention	50 00
Total requirements	$ 4,870 89

To raise this amount, your Committee have made assessments upon the Parishes and Missionary Stations as shown by the Schedule hereto attached. marked Schedule A, and amounting to..... $4,020 00
which being added to the other moneys at your disposal, viz :

Balance of cash in hands of Treasurer	450 00
Interest from Bishop's Fund, estimated at	800 00
Gives a total of resources of	$5,270 00

As forecast by the Committee on Finance at the last Convention, but little has been realized from the $1,051 90, the then arrears from various Parishes. The arrears reported by the Treasurer this Convention, as shown by Exhibit A, hereto attached. amounted to $977·65, all of which have been remitted excepting a small balance of $5 15 due from Trinity Parish, Florence, which, if collected, will, with the amount estimated above as your reasonably certain resources, give you $5,275 15 wherewith to meet your obligations.

The generous action of the Bishop in asking a reduction of his salary should be met by the Parishes with a prompt response to the quarterly demands of the Treasurer, so that the Bishop may be spared the inconvenience of waiting from one Convention until the next before receiving that which has been promised him quarterly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. M. NELSON, Chairman.

W. J. PERDUE,	A. I. DRYSDALE,	Committee.
D. F. PROUT,	R. W. BARNWELL,	
W. P. BOCOCK,	HENRY BARNEWALL,	
THOS. J. BEARD,	CHAS. L. STICKNEY,	
ELLIS PHELAN,	JNO. L. COBBS,	

MAY 16th, 1879.

On motion, this Report was received and concurred in.

SCHEDULE A.

ASSESSMENTS, 1879.

St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill	$ 25 00
St. Michael's Church, Marengo County	50 00
St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene	25 00
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw	50 00
Grace Church, Portland	20 00
St. Paul's Church, Decatur	25 00
St. Paul's Church, Whistler	15 00
Church of the Advent, Birmingham	60 00
St. John's Church, Mobile	200 00
St. John's Church, Montgomery	650 00
St. James' Church, Livingston	50 00
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'	150 00
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro'	40 00
St. James' Church, Eufaula	135 00
St. Peter's Church, Talladega	20 00
St. Thomas' Church, Greenville	40 00
St. Mary's Church, Evergreen	10 00
Trinity Church, Union Springs	10 00
St. Paul's Church, Selma	325 00
St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion	50 00
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	150 00
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville	30 00
Emmanuel Church, Opelika	25 00
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville	50 00
St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville	10 00
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville	350 00
Trinity Church, Demopolis	150 00
St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station	45 00
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	60 00
Christ Church, Mobile	650 00
Trinity Church, Mobile	300 00
Athens Mission	20 00
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia	15 00
St. David's Church, Dallas	10 00
Grace Church, Clayton	30 00
St. Mary's Church, Camden	10 00
Montevallo Mission	15 00
Grace Church, Morgan County	25 00
Anniston Mission	50 00
St. Mark's Church, Prattville	15 00
St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville	20 00
St. Alban's Church, Gainesville	10 00
Trinity Church, Florence	15 00
	$4,020 00

EXHIBIT A.

At the assembling of this Convention, the following were the

PARISHES AND MISSIONS IN ARREARS.

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	$200 00
Courtland Mission	40 00
Emmanuel Church, Opelika	120 00
Amount carried forward	$360 00

Amount brought forward	$360 60
St. Luke's Parish, Cahaba	35 00
St. John's Parish, Elyton	35 00
St. Mary's Parish, Evergreen	17 50
St. Mary's Parish, Tallassee	20 00
St. Matthews, Autaugaville	80 00
St. Paul's Church, Whistler	75 00
St. John's Parish, Madison Station	40 00
Scottsboro' Mission	30 00
Trinity Parish, Florence	5 15
Trinity Parish, Mobile	100 00
Trinity Parish, Union Springs	30 00
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville	150 00
	$ 977 65
Of the above there has been remitted by the present Convention	972 50
Leaving unremitted, a small balance from Trinity Parish, Florence, of	5 15

The hour having arrived for considering the Order of the Day, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the next Annual Session of this Convention be held in the Church of the Advent, Birmingham, beginning on the Second Wednesday in May, 1880.

On motion, the second Order of the Day was postponed, and the following Report was presented and read:

The Committee to which was referred the Resolution in regard to the settlement of the debt due to the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund by the Parish of St. John's, Montgomery, secured by mortgage on Hamner Hall property, having carefully considered the subject, do report as follows:

In the opinion of the Committee, no steps should be taken to compel St. John's Parish to satisfy said indebtedness, which will result in placing the Hamner Hall property, or any part of it, out of the control of the Parish or of the Diocese, or which will permanently divert it from the purpose for which it was originally intended, namely, a female school under the control of the Church.

The Rector and Vestry of that Parish have offered to convey the whole property to the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund in satisfaction of the mortgage debt, with the reservation of the use and control of that portion known as the Bishop Cobbs Orphan Home, until such time as the Diocese may desire to utilize the same as a home for the Bishop of the Diocese.

Your Committee, therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund be and are hereby authorized to accept, at once, from the Vestry of St. John's Parish, a conveyance with warranty, of the entire Hamner Hall property, including the Bishop Cobbs Orphan Home lot and building, in satisfaction of the mort-

gage debt and accrued interest; *Provided*, that St. John's Parish shall retain the control and use of that portion known as the Bishop Cobbs Orphan Home for any Church purpose, and to preserve and keep the same in good order and condition and insured, until such time as the Diocese shall desire to utilize the same as a home for the present or any future Bishop of the Diocese ; and such reservation of the use of said property and agreement to surrender such possession to the Trustees for a Bishop's Home shall be reduced to writing, and signed by such Vestry, and deposited with said Trustees.

2. *Resolved*, That in case the said Trustees shall consummate the arrangement contemplated in the foregoing Resolution, it is recommended said property be leased for any reasonable term of years for a female school, under supervision of the Church—care being had, first, to the character and usefulness of the school, and, secondly, the preservation of the property.

3. *Resolved*, That in case the foregoing arrangement for final settlement fail of accomplishment for any reason deemed sufficient by the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund and not now apparent to this Convention, then said Trustees are hereby recommended to consent to a lease by St. John's Parish for a term of years for a Church School, upon such terms as will secure interest on the mortgage debt if practicable.

4. *Resolved*, That if, for any such cause above mentioned, the final settlement should fail, and there should be no lease made under the second Resolution, then all measures for foreclosure and sale of said property be postponed until further direction by the Convention of this Diocese ; and, if necessary, to prevent a sale by St. John's Parish, the said Trustees are hereby authorized to suspend interest from this date on the debt for such time as they may deem reasonable.

By order of the Committee.

R. H. COBBS, Chairman.

A substitute for these Resolutions was offered, proposing to leave the property in the hands of St. John's Parish, Montgomery, with power to lease for a term of years for the purpose of establishing a Female Seminary.

This amendment was lost.

On motion, the Report, as presented by the Committee, was received and concurred in, and the Resolutions adopted.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 9 o'clock A. M. Saturday.

FOURTH DAY.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO',
Saturday, May 17th, 1879—9 o'clock A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After Prayer by the President, the Roll was called and a quorum found to be present.

The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Mr. H. A. TAYLOE, of St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station, appeared and took his seat in Convention.

The Report of the Committee on Canons was called up, and the proposed Resolution to repeal Section 3, Canon I, Title I, was lost—the Convention voting by Parishes and Orders.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That in case the contemplated conveyance of the Hamner Hall property shall be made to the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund as provided in the first Resolution adopted yesterday, that then said Trustees be, and they are hereby directed, to lease the Hamner Hall School property for a term of years, to any responsible party for a Church School; the lessee to be a person approved by the Bishop of the Diocese and the Rector of St. John's Parish, Montgomery—the amount of rent to be paid, and other terms of lease, to be as directed by the Bishop.

This action of the Convention was unanimous.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the present Committee on Revision and Codification of the Canons of this Diocese be discharged from the further consideration of the same; and that the Rev. GEO. H. HUNT, Rev. R. H. COBBS and Mr. JAS. H. FITTS be appointed a Special Committee to Revise and Codify the Canons of this Diocese, and report their action to the next Convention.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Convention do now go into a Committee of the Whole on the State of the Church.

After a very long and deeply interesting discussion, the Committee rose, and the Convention resumed its session.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be instructed to pay the Rev. R. H. COBBS the sum of $200 00, (Two Hundred Dollars) for past services as Secretary of this Convention.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the Sexton of St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', the sum of Ten Dollars, for attendance during the session of the Convention.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby returned to the different Railroad Companies of the State for courtesies extended to members of this body.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due, and are hereby extended, to the Rector, Vestry and Ladies of this Parish, and to the citizens of Greensboro', for the hospitality so kindly extended to the members of the Convention.

This Resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have printed 750 copies of the Journal of this Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to meet in the Vestry Room of this Church to-morrow night, for the purpose of hearing the Minutes read.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO', ALA.

May 18th,—8 o'clock P. M.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment. A quorum being present, the Minutes were read and approved.

On motion, the Resolution relating to the session of the next Convention was reconsidered, and it was

Resolved, That such session be held on the last Wednesday in April.

On motion, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

RICH'D H. WILMER,
Bishop of Alabama.

Attest:
R. H. COBBS, Secretary.

APPENDIX A.

Bishop's Annual Address.

Dearly Beloved Brethren of the Clergy and Laity of the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama:

I greet you in the name of the LORD. It is to His kind and never failing Providence we owe it that we are spared to meet once more, and render, mutually, an account of our labors during the Conventional Year just closed.

I submit as follows, viz:

1878.—May 8th.—Met the Annual Convention of the Diocese in Trinity Church, Demopolis; and, after a sermon by the Rev. FRANK HALLAM, celebrated Holy Communion.

May 9th.—Delivered a Pastoral Address to the Convention on the subject of the "LORD'S DAY."

May 10th.—In the same Church, after a sermon by the Rev. Dr. BANISTER, made an address to the congregation, and confirmed 4 persons.

May 12th—(3d Sunday after Easter.)—Held an ordination at same Church, and 'ordered' Priest, Rev. CHARLES MORRIS; sermon by the Rev. ALEX. I. DRYSDALE, who, together with the Rev. Messrs. HUNT, LEE, HALLAM, BARNWELL and Dr. BANISTER joined in the imposition of hands. The Rev. Messrs. DRYSDALE and HUNT gave certificate of satisfactory examination, on the part of the candidate, for the last examination; the Rev. Drs. STRINGFELLOW and TICKNOR having previously given certificates of satisfaction in reference to the first two examinations. At the same time, I celebrated Holy Communion.

At evening service of same day, after a sermon by the Rev. T. J. BEARD, I made the closing address to the Convention and congregation.

May 13th.—Licensed A. C. MATHESON, Jr., a Lay Reader at Camden.

May 23d.—I preached at St. Mary's Church, Camden, morning, afternoon and evening.

May 24th.—Preached at same Church, morning and evening, confirming 6 persons and celebrating Holy Communion.

May 25th.—I preached at Grace Church, Portland; confirmed 3 persons and celebrated Holy Communion.

May 26th—(5th Sunday after Easter.)—I preached at St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, morning and evening; confirmed 3 persons and celebrated Holy Communion.

May 28th.—I preached at St. Michael's Church, Marengo County; confirmed 1 person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

June 1st.—I received JAMES D. PORTER, of Greenville, as a candidate for Deacon's Orders.

June 4th.—I consecrated Trinity Church, Mobile. The sermon on this occasion was by the Rev. Dr. HUGH MILLER THOMPSON, of New Orleans, and gave great delight and edification to a large congregation.

It was a source of great satisfaction to myself, and, I doubt not, to the whole Diocese, to find that our reverend brother, Dr. MASSEY, had at last, after so many years of toil, succeeded in bringing his work at Trinity Church to this happy consummation. The amount of his labor in this cause, and under circumstances the most depressing, will never be adequately known to the Church below. Such records of faithful and continuous labors find their full reward only in the place of final reward.

June 7th.—I preached at Montevallo.

June 8th.—I preached again at same place.

June 9th—(Whitsunday.)—I preached at Talladega, confirmed 5 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

June 10th.—Preached again at same place and confirmed 2 persons.

June 11th.—Preached two days at Ashland, Clay County; confirmed 3 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

This is a new county seat in the midst of a wild and rugged country. Our faithful brother—the Rev. J. F. SMITH—has gathered a little flock in this wilderness. As yet, in common with the various Denominations, we occupy the Court House, which is the only public room in the settlement. Doubtless, in course of time, our good brother will have his Church here.

June 13th.—At St Luke's Church, Jacksonville, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. DORSET, of Rome, Ga., I made an address to the congregation.

June 14th.—Preached, morning and evening, at same Church, and confirmed 7 persons.

June 15th.—At early morning service, addressed the newly confirmed, and celebrated Holy Communion.

June 16th—(Trinity Sunday.)—Preached at Anniston, Calhoun County; the Rev. Mr. DORSET preaching at night.

June 23d—(1st Sunday after Trinity.)—Participated in services at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill; in the afternoon, preached at St. Paul's Church, Whistler, and confirmed 5 persons, one of them a sick person in private.

June 30th—(2d Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile.

July 6th.—Received Rev. CHAS. E. CABANISS (Deacon) as a Candidate for Priest's Orders.

July 7th—(3d Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, and celebrated Holy Communion. In afternoon of same day, baptized an infant.

July 9th.—Married a couple at Christ Church, Mobile, at request of the Rector.

July 11th.—Held an Ordination at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, and, after a Sermon by the Rev. Mr. DRYSDALE, admitted to the Diaconate, ASA JONES ROBERTS. I also celebrated Holy Communion.

Certificate of satisfactory examination presented by the Rev. Messrs. BEARD and DRYSDALE, the latter of whom presented the Candidate for Ordination.

For several Sundays I participated in the services at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

July 30th.—Received Testimonials from Standing Committee: recommending ARTHUR P. GREENLEAF to be admitted Candidate for Priest's Orders, and admitted him.

August 4th—(7th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, and celebrated Holy Communion.

August 8th.—Confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented by the Rev. T. J. BEARD.

August 11th—(8th Sunday after Trinity.)—Participated in Divine Service at Christ Church, Mobile.

August 12th.—Confirmed a person at Christ Church, Mobile.

August 16th.—I licensed J. B. MCCLELLAND, Lay Reader at Trinity, Morgan County.

August 25th—(10th Sunday after Trinity.)—At early morning service, celebrated Holy Communion at St. James' Church, Chicago. At mid-day service preached in same Church. At evening, preached in the Cathedral Church, Chicago.

August 28th.—Met the Bishops of the Church, in pursuance of a called meeting by the Presiding Bishop, at Grace Chapel, New York. It was some days before we could secure a quorum of the House, because of the absence of a number of the Bishops, in attendance upon the Conference at Lambeth.

At last, however, a quorum for business was secured, and, as is well known, the resignation of his Diocese by the late Bishop of Michigan, was received, and his deposition from all functions of the Ministry was effected; he having resigned into our hands his office, and rendering necessary his deposition.

September 1st—(11th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at Christ Church, Riverdale, N. Y., and celebrated Holy Communion.

September 8th—(12th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached in the afternoon at Christ Church, Riverdale.

September 15th—(13th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at Grace Church, Albemarle County, Va.

September 22d—(14th Sunday after Trinity.)—Participated in divine service at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

October 3d.—Officiated at St. John's Church, Mobile, on occasion of the Governor's proclamation, summoning the people to render thanks to GOD for our comparative exemption from the prevailing pestilence, and to make supplication for His continued intervention. It was an occasion of unusual interest. We held a united service. The clergy and congregations of the city were all present. I delivered an address, and celebrated Holy Communion.

October 6th—(16th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Whistler, and celebrated Holy Communion.

October 17th.—Confirmed a person at Christ Church, Mobile.

October 27th—(19th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

November 3d—(20th Sunday after Trinity.)—Celebrated Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. DAMUS.

November 6th.—Confirmed 2 sick persons in private; candidates presented by the Rev. T. J. BEARD.

November 21st.—At St. John's Church, Montgomery, participated in the Harvest Home Services, and preached the sermon. I would that all of our Churches could thus bring the first fruits of the earth into the sanctuary—present them to GOD as an offering of praise and thanksgiving, and then distribute them to GOD'S poor. The most beautiful service that I attended in the mother country was a Harvest Home Celebration at "*Clifton on the Downs*." All the first fruits of the earth were brought into the sanctuary, and blessed with praise and offering. Can we doubt that such services are acceptable to Him who crowns the year with His Goodness? The heart, filled with gratitude to GOD, and expressing itself outwardly in offerings to His poor—does it not approach the Sacramental and Eucharistic worship? I cannot comprehend the views of some—happily not among ourselves—who speak of such service in terms of ribaldry and scorn; who can see nothing more in such a service than exhibitions of flowers and fruits. But time is still working its wonders—unknown, or forgotten truths, continue to assert themselves: and what was once, through ignorance or narrowness, despised, becomes to be cherished and revered.

November 24th—(Sunday before Advent.)—Preached again, morning and evening, at St. John's Church, Montgomery.

November 27th.—Licensed JAMES D. PORTER, a Candidate for Orders, Lay Reader at Greenville.

November 28th—(Thanksgiving Day.)—Attended a united service of the Clergy and Laity of Mobile, at Christ Church; preached and celebrated Holy Communion.

November 30th.—Officiated at a funeral service at Selma.

December 1st—(1st Sunday in Advent.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Selma, and celebrated Holy Communion. The Parish was vacant at the time of my visitation—the Rev. Mr. HALLAM having just then resigned. The whole Diocese will, I am sure, feel regret to know that his labors have ceased in Alabama.

December 3d.—Preached at Montevallo, and confirmed 1 person.

From Montevallo I purposed to visit Birmingham and Tuskaloosa, but while en route, I received intelligence of the death of the late Bishop of Louisiana, and hastened on to Baltimore, where I participated in the solemnities which consigned his precious remains to the grave.

December 8th—(2d Sunday in Advent.)—Preached at Christ Church, Baltimore. In the afternoon baptized an infant.

December 15th—(3d Sunday in Advent.)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile.

December 20th.—Preached at Grace Church, Clayton, and celebrated Holy Communion.

December 22d—(4th Sunday in Advent.)—Preached, morning and evening, at St. James' Church, Eufaula; at the latter service confirming 4 persons.

After my return home from this visitation, I had repeated attacks of painful sickness, which prevented me from making any appointments for visitations.

1879.—January 2d.—At the request of the Rector of Christ Church, Mobile, I participated in the funeral services of the late Mrs. H. A. SCHROEDER. I was glad to be able to show my appreciation of this most estimable woman, and my gratitude for her many acts of kindness. From the time of my coming to Alabama to the day of her death, she was my unfailing friend, and an active coadjutor in all my plans of benevolence. "*O si sic omnes.*"

January 9th.—I married a couple at Christ Church, Mobile, at the request of the Rector of the Parish.

On same day confirmed 2 sick persons in private; candidates presented by the Rev. Dr. MASSEY.

February 2d—(4th Sunday after Epiphany.)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile, and participated in the celebration of Holy Communion.

February 9th—(Septuagesima Sunday.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion.

February 13th.—Preached at Birmingham.

February 14th.—Preached again at same place, and confirmed 1 person; celebrating, also, Holy Communion. The Rectorship of the Church was vacant; the Rev. Mr. MORRIS, late Rector, having been transferred to the Diocese of Tennessee.

February 16th—(Sexagesima Sunday.)—Preached at Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, morning and evening.

February 17th.—Preached at same place; confirmed 4 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

February 23d—(Quinquagesima Sunday.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Montgomery.

In the afternoon, officiated at a funeral in St. Paul's Church, Selma.

February 24th.—Visited Uniontown, and welcomed to the Diocese Rev. J. R. WINCHESTER, the Rector of the Church in that place.

March 2d—(1st Sunday in Lent.)—Preached and celebrated Holy Communion at Christ Church, Mobile.

March 9th—(2d Sunday in Lent.)—Preached at St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, and baptized an infant. At evening service, preached again, and confirmed 6 persons.

March 18th.—At early morning service preached at same Church, and celebrated Holy Communion.

In the evening of same day, preached at Evergreen.

March 11th.—Preached again at Evergreen, baptized 2 children, and celebrated Holy Communion.

It gives me great pleasure to report that a new Church has been erected in Evergreen, and will be soon ready for consecration.

March 13th.—Participated in services at Christ Church, Mobile, and confirmed a sick person in private; presented by Rev. Mr. DRYSDALE.

March 20th.—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Selma, and celebrated Holy Communion.

March 21st—Preached, morning and evening, at Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

March 22d.—Preached again at same Church; confirmed 3 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

March 23d—(4th Sunday in Lent.)—Preached at St. Michael's Church, Marengo County, confirming 3 persons and celebrating Holy Communion. In the afternoon, preached at Faunsdale Chapel, and confirmed 1 person (colored.)

March 26th.—Preached at St. David's Church, Dallas County; baptized an infant, and celebrated Holy Communion.

March 28th.—Preached at St. Andrew's Church, Macon.

March 30th—(5th Sunday in Lent.)—Preached at Trinity Church, Demopolis. In the afternoon, preached to a colored congregation and confirmed 5 of their number. At night, preached again at Trinity Church, and confirmed 3.

It gratified me, more than I can well express, to find that the Rector of this Church, aided by a staff of teachers, was working so hopefully among the colored population.

April 7th—(Monday before Easter.)—Preached at Emmanuel Church, Opelika, and confirmed 6 persons.

April 8th—(Tuesday before Easter.)—Preached again, confirmed 2, and celebrated Holy Communion.

April 9th—(Wednesday before Easter.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro', and celebrated Holy Communion.

April 10th—(Thursday before Easter.)—Preached at St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville; baptized an adult and 2 children; confirmed 5, and celebrated Holy Communion. This Church is now receiving the services of Rev. FRANK B. TICKNOR (Deacon.)

April 11th—(Good Friday.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro', and celebrated Holy Communion with a sick person in private.

April 12th—(Easter Even.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Selma, and baptized an infant.

April 13th—(Easter Sunday.)—Preached at same Church; confirmed 4 persons and celebrated Holy Communion.

At Evening Service, addressed the several classes of the Sunday School, and participated in their Easter Festival. Their faithful Superintendent, Mr. M. R. JARVIS, deserves well of the Church for his unwearied services in behalf of the children.

April 14th—(Monday in Easter Week.)—Celebrated Divine Service in same Church, and baptized an infant.

April 20th—(1st Sunday after Easter.)—Preached, morning and evening, at the Church of The Nativity, Huntsville; confirming 5 persons.

In consequence of heavy rains which interrupted travel, I did not reach Huntsville until Sunday morning, and could not give a full visitation to this interesting and important Parish.

April 21st.—Preached in the new Church building at Scottsboro'. It surprised and gratified me to find so much accomplished, and by so few people.

April 22d.—Preached, morning and evening, at St. Paul's Church, Decatur; confirming 1 person, and celebrating Holy Communion.

April 23d.—Preached at Athens, morning and evening.

April 24th.—Preached again at same place; confirming 3 persons and celebrating Holy Communion. A lot has been purchased in Athens and a kiln of brick burnt for the purpose of building a Church. I hope that the walls will be put up during the summer. The people are few but in deep earnest.

April 25th.—Preached, morning and evening, at The Mountain Spring High School, (Mr. JOHN A. LILE, proprietor;) confirming 3 persons and celebrating Holy Communion. The Church at this place is known upon our Records as Grace Church, Trinity, Morgan Co. We hope, at no distant day, to report the erection of a building to receive the name given in advance. I am always interested in my visits to this locality. It is really a *Home School.* The boys are well behaved and happy, and under the best domestic, educational and religious influences.

April 26th.—Preached at St. John's Church, Tuscumbia, and confirmed 2 persons.

April 27th—(2d Sunday after Easter.)—Preached at Trinity Church, Florence, morning and evening, confirmed 1 person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

April 28th.—Preached, morning and evening, at Tuscumbia. On this occasion I consecrated the Church building there, under the name of "St. John's Church." The building had been erected during the ministry of the Rev. R. A. COBBS, late of this Diocese. But from various causes, it had fallen into a dilapidated state, and was well nigh destroyed by the tornado which, a few years ago, desolated the town and buried many of its population in the ruins. At first it was thought quite impossible to restore the building, but the few remaining people took courage and went bravely to work. And it was a happy day for Bishop, Priest and people, when we all entered into its Courts with thanksgiving, and invoked with holy song and prayer, the entrance of "The King of Glory."

I had the great pleasure on this visitation to welcome back the Rev. Mr. MOWER, to the Diocese of Alabama.

April 29th.—I licensed as Lay Readers, J. H. HINE and J. L. TEFFT, of Athens, and A. L. KRON, of Decatur.

May 4th—(3d Sunday after Easter.)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile; confirmed 9 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion. Number confirmed in this Parish since last report, 12.

In the afternoon of same day, I confirmed 2 persons at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill; the Rev. Mr. DRYSDALE preaching the Sermon.

May 5th.—Received Testimonials from the Standing Committee recommending JAMES D. PORTER as a fit person to be made Deacon.

May 11th—(4th Sunday after Easter.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile; confirming 29 persons, and celebrating Holy Communion—giving 32 as the number confirmed since last report.

At Evening Service of same day, preached at Trinity Church, Mobile, and confirmed 22 persons, giving 24 as the number confirmed in this Parish since last report.

May 12th.—I made a visitation of St. John's Church, Montgomery, and, after a Sermon by the Rev. Mr. DRYSDALE, confirmed 25 persons.

The following is a summary of my official labors during the year past:

Baptisms—Infants 11; adults 1,	12
Marriages	3
Funerals	4
Confirmations	207
Candidates for Holy Orders	2
Deacons Ordained	1
Priests Ordained	1
Churches Consecrated	2
Lay Readers licensed	8

CLERICAL CHANGES.

I have transferred Rev. CHARLES MORRIS to the Diocese of Kentucky.

I have received into the Diocese Rev. JAMES R. WINCHESTER, from the Diocese of Virginia; the Rev. CHAS. P. DORSET, from the Diocese of Tennessee; the Rev. FRANK B. GILBERT, from the Diocese of Arkansas.

CLERICAL CHANGES WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

The Rev. B. F. MOWER has taken charge of the Churches at Florence and Tuscumbia; the Rev. D. F. HOKE (Deacon) is officiating at Anniston; and the Rev. JAS. R. WINCHESTER has taken charge of St. David's, Dallas County, and the Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

I have given my official consent to the election of Rt. Rev. J. H. D. WINGFIELD, D. D., Missionary Bishop of Northern California, to the vacant Episcopate of the Diocese of Louisiana.

I have received official notice of the deposition of the following named persons, viz:

C. INGLES CHAPIN,	deposed by	Bishop of	Central Pennsylvania.
RO. E. TERRY,	..	..	Albany.
THOS. B. NEWBY,	..	..	New Jersey.
JAMES LAVELLE,	..	..	New Jersey.
W. C. WILSON,	..	..	New Jersey.
PLINY B. MORGAN,	..	..	Southern Ohio.
EDSON B. CARTMILL,	..	..	Southern Ohio.
JOHN W. DOREMUS,	..	..	Texas.
JAMES N. HUME,	..	..	Ohio.
J. A. D. HUGHES,	..	..	Central Pennsylvania.
GEORGE HUBBARD,	..	..	California.

Also, received official notification from the Missionary Bishop of Niobrara, that GEO. W. RAEBURN, representing himself to be a Postulant in the Diocese of New York, is unworthy of credit.

"CHURCH HOME" FUNDS.

Amount of funds on hand May 1st, 1879	$9,798 40
Amount reported at last Convention	8,057 05
Showing an increase of	$1,741 35

I have invested the above, with the aid of the best financial advisers, as follows, viz:

$3,000 Mobile County Bonds, 8 per cent	cost	$2,850 00
$3,000 Mobile County Bonds, 8 per cent	"	3,150 00
$2,000 State Bonds (B), 5 per cent	"	1,450 00
$2,000 State Bonds (A) 2 per cent	"	1,050 00
$1,000 State Bonds (A) 2 per cent	"	490 00
Balance on hand for current expenses		808 40
		$9,798 40

GAINESVILLE CHURCH FUNDS.

Reported last year, a little over	$1,000 00
Adding interest accrued	63 98
Received from estate of the late Judge REAVIS	166 72
	$1,230 70

I hold a receipt for the above amount ($1,230 70) from CHARLES COOKE, Esq., Senior Warden of St. Alban's Church, Gainesville; the said amount having been paid him for the purpose of erecting a Church building at Gainesville. The said amount has been expended in the erection of a Church.

It will be remembered—and it is recorded in our Journals—that the surviving members of the Church at Gainesville, utterly despairing of building a Church at that time, gave a portion of their funds to the Church at Livingston, the county seat of Sumter. Under direction of the Convention, I paid to the Church at Livingston $1,023 82.

Being under the impression that no Church would be built at Gainesville, and thinking that the fund belonging to said locality should be fulfilling the wishes of the donator, the late Dr. LEROY ANDERSON, I loaned $750 thereof to St. Mary's Church Rectory, at Summerville. That amount lifted a debt that was hanging over the Rectory. I made this loan after consulting my Lay Committee of Advice. The loan was made with the understanding that the rents from the Rectory should go to the Gainesville Fund until the debt was cancelled. In consequence, however, of repairs needed and cost of insurance, very little has as yet accrued from the rent. The Rectory is now rented for a small amount, and full insurance is kept on the building for the security of the debt due to the Gainesville Fund.

THE GIBSON PROPERTY.

No change in the condition of this property since my last report. In consequence of a prior lien upon the property (see Journal of 1878) we are compelled to wait upon other parties.

In consequence of the quarantine established against Mobile by the upper country, I was unable to leave the city for my visitations until the beginning of the winter. I had hardly begun active work before I was prostrated by a painful and protracted sickness. Hence, notwithstanding my constant labors for the last four months, I have been unable to make a complete visitation of the Diocese during the Conventional Year just ended. I expeet to resume my visitations as soon as possible after the adjournment of the Convention.

THE STATE OF THE DIOCESE.

It will not have escaped your notice that the number of Confirmations during the year is much smaller than usual. This is, in part, owing to the fact that I have not made a full visitation of all the Parishes. But, if we include the number to be expected from the Parishes as yet unvisited, a very considerable falling off will still appear. I am, myself, disposed to refer the deficiency in number to the fact that the Clergy are, year by year, more careful in preparing their candidates for Confirmation. From this point of view we may well take encouragement. I do not desire to lay my hands in Confirmation upon any person, who does not pledge himself to the fulfillment of every religious obligation. I will not, knowingly, make myself a party to a covenant, which is not intended to be made good.

But we have most decided grounds for encouragement in the number of new Churches already built and contemplated. Within the last few years, new Churches have been built at Talladega, Montevallo, Anniston, Selma, Scottsboro', Troy, Gainesville, Prattville, Birmingham and Clayton. The Church at Livingston has been almost remodelled—and that at Tuscumbia thoroughly restored.

Measures are being adopted for the erection of new Churches at Athens and Trinity. Generally, throughout the Diocese, much interest is manifested in the erection of new Churches and in the restoration and embellishment of the old buildings. And I am glad to be able to say that, as a general rule, the people are doing the work within themselves, and are not appealing for aid abroad. And this is commendable. That offering, however humble, is most acceptable to God which is the fruit of self sacrifice.

It is not my purpose to consecrate all the buildings above named. When a town is growing and the present number of Communicants small, I look forward to the erection of larger and more permanent structures, and do not consecrate a building that may soon give place to a better one.

It is not my purpose to address you on any special subject at this time. My uninterrupted labors for the last few months have left me no time to prepare such an address.

It only remains for me in conclusion, to refer to one or two matters of interest.

Since our last annual meeting one of our Clergy has entered into rest: the Rev. J. M. Robertson, of Madison County. He was one of the oldest Clergymen in the Diocese. His name appears first on the Journal of 1836. Our good brother had a true, brave and a loyal heart. He loved his country,

his Church and his GOD with a childlike dutifulness and unswerving fidelity. His latter years were years of pain and suffering, which he bore with extraordinary patience and fortitude. The call of the Master was to him a welcome one. I feel assured that he has entered into the joy of his LORD.

The whole Church has been called to lament the loss of my near and dearly beloved relative, the late Bishop of Louisiana. I cannot trust myself to speak at any length of this dear Bishop. The personal loss is to me irreparable. I feel as if I had lost a part of myself. I know not that we had a divergent thought. For more than sixty years we had grown together in sympathy and affection.

To those who knew him well, any description would fall short of the living reality; to those who knew him not, a true portraiture would seem to be extravagant.

There was in him that wonderful dualness of character, which we find in all complete and fully developed natures; which found its fullest and most perfect manifestation in Him "who was made man." There was that wonderful blending of exquisite tenderness and sensibility with holy resentment of wrong; patient endurance of personal injury coupled with burning indignation against injustice to others. This was the spirit that flamed in ST. JOHN, who at one time would fain have called down fire from Heaven to consume those who treated his dear LORD with indignity, and, at another, would calm his fevered brow by resting it upon his LORD'S bosom; the same spirit that made ST. PAUL at one time willing to be "accursed" for his people, and at another, made him hurl his "Anathema Maranatha" against any one who "loved not the LORD JESUS CHRIST;" the spirit which reached its complete and absolute perfection in our dear LORD, who for us men and for our salvation, became man—who, at one time, "like a lamb, was dumb before its shearers," and, at another, like a lion, drove the profaners of His Father's House from the Temple with a whip of cords. All large and well-rounded natures manifest this dualness of character—in a spirit which melts over the sufferings of a child, and yet can stand undaunted before Rulers and Presidents and to their face can denounce their injustice and wrong. So full of holy jealousy is ardent love.

I would that some one could be found to give us a complete and faithful likeness of the late dear Bishop of Louisiana. I cannot trust myself to attempt it. But I make my own the eloquent words of one, who thus wrote me after the dear Bishop's death. The writer was one who knew him well, and, as his words will show, loved him well—one, who had capacity to weigh magnitudes. He writes—"I am here by one drawing—the personal magnet-"ism of a man, whose soul was like a calm, deep summer lake; whose pre-"sence stilled the warring of my own heart, its unrest and rebellion, and "even doubt, I confess it; and in the light of whose transfigured face I found "GOD'S peace. He is gone. That is gone out of my life which can never "come again.

"Another beacon light blown out above me,
Another buoy bell stilled upon the sea."

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"The Deeps, calm and profound, into which descended, and from which "were reflected, all the Starry Lights of Heaven, in that magnificent soul, "were all I ever saw, and the memory of it all that remains to me now.

"I don't know whether he was 'learned', or 'able', or 'eloquent', or any "thing else. I only know that his speech to me was like the chiming of the "bells in the Towers of Heaven; I only know the personal presence of the "man put me in harmony with the Everlasting cadences.

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"I ask for myself to be allowed to bear in my heart as one of the treasures, "and, also, (GOD help me) one of the responsibilities of my life, the fact— "that for years, I knew, associated with, and loved this man, crowned on "earth, one of the Peerage and Senate of Heaven."

Since our last gathering together, the Second Lambeth Conference has had its session. I hope that our Clergy and Laity have read the reports and doings of that collection of one hundred Bishops representing the highest type of civilization and piety that is known among men. I have studied diligently for many years the history of the Anglican Branch of the Catholic Church, but I have never, until of late, fully realized the vastness of the missionary work being done by the Church in England. It should fill us with a just and laudable pride to know that we are the daughter of so distinguished a mother. Wherever the power of England extends, there you will find the beneficent influences of the Church equally with the controlling power of the State. Alike over the vast area of India and Africa; over the countries that line the shores of the Mediterranean Sea; over the Islands of the Sea, east and west, English Laws, English Civilization and English Religion exert their beneficent and healthy influence. May we prove ourselves the worthy daughter of such a mother. AMEN.

Faithfully and affectionately,

RICH'D H. WILMER,
Bishop of Alabama.

DIOCESE OF ALABAMA, May 14, 1879.

APPENDIX B.

Parochial Reports.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE—Rev. ALEX. I. DRYSDALE, Rector.

May 12th, 1879.

Communicants—In 1878, 306; died, 4; removed, 9 ..... Present No.			317
Sunday School--Teachers, 14; scholars, 120 ..... Total.			134
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 37; private, 7 ..... Total.			44
Baptisms			15
Confirmations			12
Marriages			9
Funerals			14
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$3,600 00		
Convention Fund	650 00		
Current Expenses	2,018 43—	$6,268 43	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish.—			
Communion Alms		406 75	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Church Home	$1,054 25		
Diocesan Missions	532 97—	1,587 22	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions	35 75		
Foreign Missions	25 50		
University of the South	39 70—	100 95	
Other Contributions for Church and charitable purposes		456 58	
Total Expenditures		$8,819 93	

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA—Rev. GEO. H. HUNT, Rector.

May 1st, 1879.

Baptisms			7
Confirmations—1; persons confirmed			4
Marriages			1
Burials			4
Communicants—Reported in 1878	169		
Since lost—by death 3; by removals 16		19—	150
Added—by first Communion		4	
by removals into Parish		11—	15
Present number			165
Sunday School—Teachers 11; pupils 61 ..... Total.			72
Celebrations of Holy Communion (in private 2)			16
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report			12

Collections—Weekly Offertory		$ 1,265 3
Offerings of Sunday School		20 2
Offerings on special occasions		67 9
Otherwise		372 8
Total Collections		$ 1,726 2
Appropriations—To Rector's Salary		1,250 0
To Convention Assessment		150 0
To Diocesan Missions		50 0
To Missions to the Jews		8 5
To the Sunday School		30 0
To Struggling Parishes		16 0
To the Poor		2 5
To Incidental Expenses		150 3
To Interest on Indebtedness		106 6
To Relief Yellow Fever Sufferers		21 5
Total Appropriations		$ 1,785 5

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'.

Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D. Rector.

May 1st, 1879.

Communicants—in 1878, 133; died 3; removed 1	Present No.	12
Sunday School—Teachers 5; scholars 50	Total	5
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		1
Baptisms		
Marriages		
Funerals		
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		1

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$893 85	
Convention Fund	150 00	
Current Expenses	42 00	
Repairs	253 73—	$1,339 5
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		71 9
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	$ 13 17	
Foreign Missions	13 17	
University of the South	10 00	
Memphis	25 00—	61 3
Total Expenditures		$1,465 0

Remarks.—Of the amounts mentioned above, $154 15 were contribute by the Sunday School Children at the Easter Festival.

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS—Rev. R. W. Barnwell, Recto

May 15th, 1879.

Communicants—In 1878, 72	Present No.	7
Sunday School—Teachers, 8; scholars, 73	Total	8
Colored scholars		7
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		1

Baptisms—Whites, 14; colored, 5		Total..	19
Confirmations—Whites, 7; colored, 5		Total..	12
Marriages			2
Funerals			2
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			11
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$900 00		
Convention Fund	150 00		
Current Expenses	50 00		
Repairs on Church, (Memorial)	90 50—	$1,190	50
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms	$ 60 00		
Ladies' Rectory Society	185 60—	245	60
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions		139	00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions	$ 15 25		
Yellow Fever sufferers	50 00—	65	25
Total Expenditures		$1,640	35

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LIVINGSTON.

Rev. A. Kinney Hall, Officiating.

May 1st, 1879.

Communicants—In 1878, 35; removed, 2; added, 5; withdrawn, 1; *Present No—(male, 8; female, 29)		Total..	37
Baptized persons not Communicants			10
Total Parishioners			47
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars—white, 23; colored, 38		Total...	66
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			4
Baptisms—Adult, 1; Infants, 3		Total..	4
Funerals			3
Services—Sundays, 84; Holy days, 15; other days, 43		Total..	142
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$780 40		
Convention Fund	50 00		
Current Expenses	50 85		
Repairs	65 00		
Paid Balance on New Organ	147 00		
Sunday School Memorial Window	21 00		
Ladies' Society—paid Rent	75 00—	$1,189	25
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—Communion Alms		8	25
Total Expenditures		$1,197	50

*There are eleven Communicants residing some distance in the country, not reported above.

Remarks.—During the year the Church has been presented with handsome stained-glass windows, given by parishioners in memory of departed friends. The Church building has recently been extended, thus gaining a seating capacity for ninety more persons. We have also added a vestibule and spire, and rejoice to state that we have contracted no debt in the above improvements.

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, GAINESVILLE.

Rt. Rev. FATHER IN GOD:

Having under your direction commenced service in the Parish of St. Alban's Gainesville, I beg leave to report that I have held services once a month, which have been well attended. There are in this Parish, 13 communicants, and about 18 children belonging by baptism to the Church. I have officiated at one marriage. It affords me much satisfaction to state that since last Convention, a Church building, Gothic in design, has been erected. It is nicely pewed, and supplied with stained-glass windows, part of them as memorials. The Church is not yet completed for lack of funds.

Your Son, in CHRIST, and His Holy Church,

A. KINNEY HALL, Minister in Charge.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY,

Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, JR., D. D., Rector.

May 12th, 1879.

Communicants—In 1878, 452; died, 7; removed, 14	Present No.	460
Sunday School--Teachers, 29; scholars, 200	Total	229
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 26; private, 4	Total	30
Baptisms		32
Confirmations		25
Marriages		10
Funerals		12
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		11
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$3,500 00	
Convention Fund	650 00	
Current Expenses	1,500 00	
Repairs	200 00—	$5,850 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		200 75
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Church Home	$ 35 00	
Diocesan Missions	325 00—	360 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South		50 00
Total Expenditures		$6,460 75

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, MARION.

Rev. R. H. COBBS, D. D., Rector.

May 1st, 1879.

Communicants—In 1878, 49; died, 1; removed, 4	Present No.	45
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 25	Total	31
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 11; private, 2	Total	13
Baptisms		6
Funerals		2
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$87 85	
Convention Fund	50 00—	$137 85
Total Expenditures		$137 85

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.

May 14th, 1879.

Communicants—In 1878, 183; died, 2; removed, 11 ..... Present No.			213
Baptized persons not Communicants, including children, about			300
Total Parishioners			513
Sunday School—Teachers, 13; scholars, 113 ..... Total			126
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, about			20
Baptisms			20
Confirmations			4
Marriages			1
Funerals			8
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			6
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$1,166 66		
Convention Fund	325 00		
Current Expenses and Repairs	318 77		
Not reported above	204 00—	$2,014 43	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—Communion Alms		120 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—Diocesan Missions		83 40	
Total Expenditures		$2,217 83	

REMARKS.—Rev. FRANK HALLAM resigned the charge of the Parish, to take effect the 1st December, 1878. His place has not yet been filled. The Parish has been favored with occasional services by the Bishop, and Rev. Messrs. J. F. SMITH, BARNWELL, WINCHESTER and Dr. STRINGFELLOW, of this Diocese, by Rev. Mr. TUPPER, of the Diocese of Arkansas, and Rev. ELLISON CAPERS, of the Diocese of South Carolina.

N. H. R. DAWSON, Senior Warden.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE—Rev. F. B. LEE, Rector.

May 13th, 1879.

Communicants—In 1878, 58; died, 2; removed, 1 ..... Present No.			60
Baptized persons not Communicants			58
Total Parishioners			118
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 36 ..... Total			41
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			12
Baptisms			11
Confirmations			3
Marriages			3
Funerals			5
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$128 00		
Convention Fund	30 00		
Repairs	58 10—	216 10	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—Diocesan Missions		35 00	
Total Expenditures		$251 10	

REMARKS.—It is my privilege to say that the zeal manifested by my parishioners the previous year in Church improvement has been fully sustained also in the present one. The interior of the building has been painted, and measures are being taken for making the like finish externally. Our Sun-

day School, under the efficient management of its Superintendent, Mr. W. A. BIBB, is in a more flourishing condition than ever before, and the scholars are inspired with an interest in their studies which is already exhibiting its appropriate results.

TRINITY CHURCH, FLORENCE—Rev. B. F. MOWER, Minister.

May 10th, 1879.

Communicants—In 1878, 39; died 1; removed 2		Present No..	39
Baptized persons not Communicants			40
Total Parishioners			79
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 25		Total..	31
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			14
Baptisms—Adult			1
Confirmations			1
Marriages			2
Funerals			1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			11
Parochial Expenditures—			
Convention Fund	$ 34 85		
Current Expenses	24 13—		$58 98
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms	19 53		
Lenten and Easter Offerings (including $8 90 from children of Sunday School) for Church carpet	46 90		
Mrs. Brown's S. S. Class for Sunday School books, (Lenten contribution)	5 50—		71 93
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions			9 25
Other Contributions for Church purposes			4 50
Total Expenditures			$144 66

REMARKS.—The members of the Church here have made every exertion during the past year, to obtain a suitable Rectory for their Minister. In their efforts for this object, the citizens of the place of all denominations, have given generous aid.

A serious loss was sustained here last fall, during the prevalence of yellow fever, by the death of Miss NORAH RICE, an earnest Christian, and a ready and cheerful helper in every good work for the prosperity of the Church, of which she was a devoted Communicant.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TUSCUMBIA.

Rev. B. F. MOWER, in charge of Mission.

May 10th, 1879.

Communicants	Present No..	24
Sunday School—Teachers, 4; scholars, 30	Total..	34
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		13
Baptisms—Infants		2
Confirmations		2
Marriages		1
Funerals		1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		11

Parochial Expenditures—		
Convention Fund	$ 41 00	
Repairs	65 00—	$106 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	31 15	
Memorial Windows	65 00—	96 15
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		7 35
Total Expenditures		$209 50

REMARKS.—The Church people of Tuscumbia (a small, earnest and zealous band) have shewn every interest in the temporal and spiritual welfare of the Parish. They work together, zealously, unitedly and harmoniously, and do and give to the extent of their ability. The Church edifice was consecrated by the Bishop on the 28th of April.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON STATION.

Rev. R. W. BARNWELL, Rector.

May 14th, 1879.

Communicants	Present No.	24
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 15	Total.	20
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		10
Baptisms		6
Funerals		3
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$200 00	
Convention Fund	45 00	
Repairs on Church	27 00—	$272 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		28 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Yellow Fever Sufferers		30 00
Total Expenditures		$330 00

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, DALLAS COUNTY.

Rev. J. R. WINCHESTER, Rector.

April 28th, 1879.

Communicants	Present No.	13
Baptized persons not Communicants		18
Total Parishioners		31
Parochial Expenditures—		
Convention Fund		$45 00
Total Expenditures		$45 00

REMARKS.—I have only officiated one Sunday at this Church. As the congregation have been a long time without a rector, and I but recently having taken charge, it is impossible to make a full report. The people seem to welcome the Church services like a long absent friend.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., Rector.

May 14th, 1879.

Communicants—In 1878, 256; died, 4; removed, 2 ..... Present No.			255
Sunday School—Teachers, 17; scholars, about 174 ..... Total.			191
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 16; private, 2 ..... Total.			18
Baptisms			16
Confirmations			5
Marriages			3
Funerals			12
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$1,800 00		
Convention Fund	350 00		
Current Expenses	221 00		
Repairs	825 75—	$3,196	75
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms	115 00		
Childrens' Offering at their Easter Festival	385 00—	500	00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions		56	00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
For Orphans at Memphis	$30 00		
University of the South	10 00—	40	00
Other Contributions for Church purposes		65	00
Total Expenditures		$3,857	75

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE—Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Rector.

May 12th, 1879.

Communicants—In 1878, 450; died, 13; removed, 20 ..... Present No.			440
Sunday School—Teachers, 22; scholars, 160 ..... Total.			182
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 28; private, 9 ..... Total.			37
Baptisms			54
Confirmations			24
Marriages			15
Funerals			41
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			10
Rev. Mr. DAMUS officiating 2 months.			
Parochial Expenditures—			
Convention Fund		$300	00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		128	45
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Church Home ..... upwards of	$600 00		
Diocesan Missions	17 80—	617	80
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions	24 60		
Foreign Missions	16 00		
University of the South	7 40—	48	00
Other Contributions for Church Purposes—Easter Offering		285	00
Total Expenditures		$1,379	25

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, UNIONTOWN.

Rev. J. R. WINCHESTER, Rector.

May 14th, 1879.

Communicants—In 1878, 38; removed, 1 ..... Present No..			50
Baptized persons not Communicants			60
Total Parishioners			110
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 28 ..... Total..			33
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			6
Baptisms			5
Confirmations			3
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report			6
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$925 00		
Convention Fund	60 00		
Current Expenses	19 45		
Repairs on Church Building	23 00		
Chancel Books—Children's offering	25 00		
Church Carpet—Ladies' Society	86 75		
Church Furniture	621 35		
Chandeliers (private contributions)	40 00—	$1,800	55
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		56	20
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Church Home—Two Boxes of Provisions.			
Diocesan Missions		4	00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions	$5 00		
Foreign Missions	5 00		
Disabled Clergy, &c	5 00—	15	00
Total Expenditures		$1,875	75

REMARKS.—The above is work done since November 16th, 1878, and it becomes me to add that my congregation have very liberally responded to every appeal I have made.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, FORK OF GREENE.

Rev. STEPHEN U. SMITH, Rector.

May 14th, 1879.

Communicants—In 1878, 16; removed, 2 ..... Present No..			14
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			7
Baptisms			5
Marriages			1
Funerals			2
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$107 00		
Convention Fund	25 00—	$132	00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		8	90
Total Expenditures		$140	90

REMARKS.—Forkland and its vicinity, some 8 or 10 miles south of St. Mark's, has about twelve members of the Church not counted in the above report.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, EUFAULA—Rev. J. C. Davis, Rector.

May 7th, 1879.

Communicants—In 1878, 91; died 2; removed 2; received by confirmation, 4; ..... Present No.			
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 52 ..... Total.			
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			
Baptisms—Infants			
Confirmations			
Marriages			
Funerals			
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			1
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$1,150 00		
Convention Fund	135 00		
Current Expenses	120 00—	$1,405 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		30 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions	$ 20 00		
Sunday School	12 00—	32 00	
Other Contributions for Church Purposes		75 00	
Total Expenditures		$1,542 00	

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MOBILE—Rev. T. J. Beard, Rector.

May 11th, 1879.

Communicants—In 1878, 593; died, 15; removed, 21 ..... Present No.			60
Sunday School—Teachers, 30; scholars, 267 ..... Total.			29
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 67; private, 22 ..... Total.			8
Baptisms			5
Confirmations			3
Marriages			2
Funerals			3
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			1
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$1,750 25		
Convention Fund	200 00		
Current Expenses	260 70		
Repairs	147 90		
Sunday School	96 40—	$2,455 2	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms	136 45		
Parish Aid Society, for Poor	40 00—	176 4	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Church Home	555 00		
Diocesan Missions	137 40—	692 4	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions	14 50		
Foreign Missions	15 00		
University of the South	10 00—	39 5	
Total Expenditures		$3,363 6	

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE—Rev. J. F. Smith, Rector.

May 5th, 1879.

Communicants—In 1878, 53; died, 2; removed, 5	Present No.	55
Baptized persons not Communicants		50
Total Parishioners		105
Sunday School—Teachers, 7; scholars, 30	Total	37
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		11
Baptisms		4
Confirmations		7
Marriages		1
Funerals		3
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector		$200 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		25 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		7 25
Total Expenditnres		$232 25

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, EUTAW.

Rev. Stephen U. Smith, Rector.

May 14th, 1879.

Communicants—In 1878, 32; removed, 2		Present No.	32
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			11
Baptisms			1
Funerals			1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$328 98		
Convention Fund	75 00		
Current Expenses	49 50		
Repairs	300 00—		$753 48
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms			42 05
Total Expenditures			$795 53

Remarks.—Have erected tower with belfry, 43 feet high, with conical shaped spire, surmounted with cross, giving a total height from base of 65 feet.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MARENGO COUNTY.

May 15th, 1879.

Communicants—In 1878, 23; removed, 1	Present No.	25
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		10
Baptisms—Adults, 2; Infants, 5	Total	7
Confirmations		3
Funerals		1

Parochial Expenditures—		
Convention Fund	$50 00	
Current Expenses	14 65—	$64 65
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		31 65
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	4 00	
University of the South	5 00—	9 00
Other Contributions for Church purposes		4 40
Total Expenditures		$ 109 70

DAVID MINGE, Senior Warden.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CAMDEN—Rev. F. B. Lee, Rector.

May 13th, 1879.

Communicants	Present No. 9
Baptized persons not Communicants—not ascertained.	—
Total Parishioners—say	23
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public	3
Baptisms	1
Confirmations	3
Marriages	3
Parochial Expenditures—	
Salary of Rector	$30 00

Remarks.—Services are rendered once a month to this Parish. It offers no encouragement to hope for any immediate improvement; but its re-establishment in numerical strength is regarded as certain if it be sustained for a few years to come.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOWNDESBORO'.

Rev. H. Stringfellow, Jr., D. D., Rector.

Rev. F. B. Ticknor, Deacon, officiating.

May 12th, 1879.

Communicants		Present No. 29
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 20		Total. 25
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 6; private, 3		Total. 9
Baptisms		4
Marriages		2
Funerals		1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$216 55	
Convention Fund	40 00	
Current Expenses	10 00—	$266 55
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		16 00
Total Expenditures		$282 55

Remarks.—Have held services on two Sundays in each month since last Report.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, GREENVILLE.

May 12th, 1879.

Communicants—In 1878, 44		Present No..	57
Baptized persons not Communicants			45
Total Parishioners			102
Sunday School—Teachers, 7; scholars, 60		Total..	67
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			4
Baptisms			3
Confirmations			6
Marriages			1
Parochial Expenditures—			
Convention Fund	$57 70		
Current Expenses	44 90		
H. Stringfellow, D. D., for occasional services	30 00		
Sunday School books and papers	20 10—	$152 70	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions		33 15	
Total Expenditures		$185 85	

REMARKS.—This Parish has been without a rector since March 10, 1878. Lay services have been held every Sunday, and daily during Lent, which have been well attended. Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, of Montgomery, gave us occasional week-day services during the summer of last year.

EDWARD CRENSHAW, } Vestrymen.
DAVID BUELL, }

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SPRING HILL—Rev. F. W. DAMUS, Rector.

May 5th, 1879.

Communicants—In 1878, 30		Present No..	30
Baptized persons not Communicants			20
Total Parishioners			50
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			12
Baptisms			1
Confirmations			2
Marriages			1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$ 75 00		
Convention Fund	10 00		
Current Expenses	24 00		
Total Expenditures		$109 00	

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, AUTAUGAVILLE.

May 12th, 1879.

Communicants—about	12
Baptisms	5

I have held service here four times (on the Fifth Sundays in the month) during the past year.

F. B. TICKNOR, Deacon.

GRACE CHURCH, PORTLAND—Rev. F. B. Lee, Rector.

May 13th, 1879.

Communicants—In 1878, 43; died, 1; removed, 2 ..... Present No.		44
Baptized persons not Communicants		38
Total Parishioners		82
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 12; private, 2 ..... Total		14
Baptisms		3
Confirmations		3
Marriages		1
Funerals		5
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$39 00	
Convention Fund	20 00—	$59 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		22 15
Total Expenditures		$81 15

Remarks.—Services are held in this Parish on the Second Sundays of the months, and on the Fifth Sundays which occur. The Holy Days, also, are celebrated between this and my home Parish.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, OPELIKA.

Rev. J. H. Ticknor, D. D., Rector.

May 13th, 1879.

Communicants—In 1878, 39; died, 1; removed, 5 ..... Present No.		42
Sunday School—Teachers, 3; scholars, 16 ..... Total		19
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		15
Baptisms—Adults, 3; infants, 6 ..... Total		9
Confirmations		8
Marriages		2
Funerals		3
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$450 00	
Repairs	15 00—	465 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	86 35	
Sunday School Library	15 50—	101 85
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		6 85
Total Expenditures		$573 70

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, TALLADEGA—Rev. J. F. Smith, Rector.

May 12th, 1879.

Communicants—In 1878, 53; died, 1; removed, 3 ..... Present No.	59
Baptized persons not Communicants	60
Total Parishioners	119
Sunday School—Teachers, 8; scholars, 46 ..... Total	54
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public	4

Baptisms			6
Confirmations			10
Marriages			1
Funerals			1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$200 00		
Current Expenses	10 00		
Repairs	10 00—	$ 220 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		26 75	
Total Expenditures		$246 75	

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HAYNEVILLE.

Rev. F. B. TICKNOR, Deacon, officiating.

May 12th, 1879.

Communicants—In 1878, 36		Present No.	41
Sunday School—Teachers, 4; scholars, 25		Total	29
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			2
Baptisms			8
Confirmations			5
Marriages			1
Funerals			2
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			5
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$ 59 10		
Convention Fund	20 00		
Church Repairs, &c	93 00—	$172 10	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions		4 25	
Total Expenditures		$176 35	

REMARKS.—Have been officiating here on the afternoons of two Sundays in the month, with occasional week-day services, since December 1st.

MONTEVALLO MISSION—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Evangelist.

May 1st, 1879.

Communicants—In 1878, 14; removed 4		Present No.	11
Baptized persons not Communicants			20
Total Parishioners			31
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			2
Baptisms			3
Confirmations			1
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$125 00		
Communion Alms	7 00		
Other Contributions to Church purpose	5 00		
Total Expenditures		$137 00	

TRINITY CHURCH, UNION SPRINGS.

Rev. DeB. Waddell, Missionary in charge.

May 14th, 1879.

Communicants—In 1878, 14; died, 1; removed, 2 ..... Present No..			13
Baptized persons not Communicants			16
Total Parishioners			29
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			6
Baptisms			8
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			11
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$ 75 00		
Current Expenses—Church debt	200 00		
Repairs	25 00—	$300 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		25 00	
Total Expenditures		$325 00	

Remarks.—We still owe $200 on Church building. St. John's Church, Mobile, Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, and Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, alone responded to an appeal we made to the Diocese for aid, and sent in the order in which they are named, $4, $10, and $10.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, DECATUR.

Rev. Chas. E. Cabaniss, Minister in charge.

May 1st, 1879.

Communicants—Died, 6; removed, 1 ..... Present No..			40
Sunday School—Teachers, 4; scholars, 31 ..... Total..			35
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			2
Baptisms—Adult, 1; infants, 2 ..... Total..			3
Confirmations			1
Funerals			4
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			6
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$114 45		
Convention Fund	25 00		
Current Expenses	9 15		
Repairs	35 10—	$183 70	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		3 65	
Total Expenditures		$187 35	

GRACE CHURCH, CLAYTON—Rev. DeB. Waddell, Rector.

May 14th, 1879.

Communicants—In 1878, 24; removed, 2 ..... Present No..		22
Baptized persons not Communicants		32
Total Parishioners		54
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 33 ..... Total..		39
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		16

Baptisms		1
Marriages		1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		11
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$350 00	
Convention Fund	30 00	
Current Expenses	25 00	
Repairs and purchase of bell	250 00—	$655 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		32 00
Total Expenditures		$687 00

TROY MISSION.

Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D.,
Bishop of Alabama,

Rt. Rev. Father in God:—The work which I undertook at Troy two years ago, in faith, has been greatly blessed. I have now 16 communicants, have baptized since last Report 1 adult and 2 children. We have also erected a very neat Church building, which is finished and ready for consecration, being entirely out of debt. Respectfully,

Your Son, in Christ and His Holy Church,
Deb. WADDELL Missionary in charge.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, PRATTVILLE.

Rev. H. Stringfellow, D. D., Rector.
Rev. F. B. Ticknor, Deacon, officiating.

May 7th, 1879.

Communicants—In 1878, 31; removed, 8	Present No.	23
Baptized persons not Communicants		12
Total Parishioners		35
Sunday School—Teachers, 7; scholars, 35	Total	42
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		5
Baptisms		8
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$163 10	
Convention Fund	23 75	
Current Expenses	30 00	
Total Expenditures		$216 85

Remarks.—Have held services on two Sundays in each month during the past year.

ATHENS MISSION—Rev. Chas. E. Cabaniss, Minister in charge.

May 1st, 1879.

Communicants—Died, 1	Present No.	26
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		1
Baptisms—Adult, 1; infants, 3	Total	4
Confirmations		3
Funerals		1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		5

Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector	$73 75	
Convention Fund	20 00	
Repairs	22 00	
Total Expenditures		$115 75

GRACE CHURCH, MORGAN COUNTY.

Rev. CHAS. E. CABANISS, Minister in charge.

May 1st, 1879.

Communicants—Removed, 10 ..... Present No. 25
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 3
Baptisms—Infants 2
Confirmations 3
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report 6
Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector	$93 00	
Convention Fund	25 00	
Current Expenses	2 00	
Total Expenditures		$120 00

REPORT OF REV. W. A. STICKNEY.

FAUNSDALE, May 13th, 1879.

To the Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D., Greensboro', Ala.

FAUNSDALE CHAPEL—COLORED CONGREGATION.

Holy Communions—Public 3
Baptisms—Infants 14
Confirmations 1
Marriages 6
Funerals 3

Services, wtth Instruction, twice a month.

PARISHES WITHOUT INCUMBENTS—ST. MICHAEL'S, MARENGO COUNTY.

Holy Communions—Public 10
Baptisms—Infants, 5; adults, 2 ..... Total.. 7
Funerals 1

Sacerdotal assistance rendered to the regular services of the Lay Reader.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, UNIONTOWN.

Funerals 2

ST. DAVID'S, DALLAS COUNTY.

Holy Communions—Public 1
Funerals 1

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.—

Since my last Report I have rendered services in Prattville, Lowndesboro,' Autaugaville and Hayneville, as shown in the Parochial Reports for those places and in addition, have held services one week-day in each month at Mt. Meigs, where I baptized one infant.

FRANK B. TICKNOR, Deacon.

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.—

Since my ordination, July 11th, 1878, I have visited Claiborne, Monroe County, and baptized there one child. Served St. Paul's Parish, Whistler, about seven months without intermission; baptized one child, married three couple, buried three. During the month of March I was withdrawn, by your orders, and appoined to missionary work on the east and west coast, and at Bon Secour baptized five children.

Truthfully,

A. J. ROBERTS, Missionary Deacon.

APPENDIX C.

Report of Trustees of Bishop's Fund,

WITH ACCOMPANYING TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The undersigned, Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, beg leave to report that no change has been made in the securities as reported to the last Convention.

All the interest on these securities has been collected. Forty dollars belonging to the corpus of the Fund have been received in settlement of a claim against the estate of WILLIAM W. HORTON, deceased, and have been invested in the purchase of an Alabama Bond.

At the request of the Vestry of St. John's Church, Montgomery, no action has been taken towards the foreclosure of the mortgage on the Hamner Hall property; but the matter has been postponed until the meeting of your body, in order that the Convention might decide upon a proposition to be submitted by the Vestry of St. John's Church, for the settlement of this debt. We hope that you will come to some definite decision in regard to this matter, and instruct the Trustees accordingly.

The Treasurer's accounts accompanying this Report shows that he has received the sum of $843.65, and that he has disbursed the same amount, leaving no balance in his hands.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. H. R. DAWSON,
JOSIAH MORRIS.

MAY 14, 1879.

Account of Treasurer of Bishop's Fund.

N. H. R. DAWSON, *Treasurer*,
in account with BISHOP'S FUND.

1878.	*DR.*	
May 15.—	To amount collected from estate of W. W. Horton	$ 40 00
July 4.—	" Coupons on Selma City Bonds—Nos. 52, 53, 54 and 116, sold 85c.—$100 @ 85c	85 00
" 4.—	" July interest on Alabama Bonds	100 00
1879.		
Jan'y 1.—	" Coupons on Selma City Bonds—Nos. 52, 53, 54 and 116, sold at 95c.—$100 at 95c	95 00
" "	" January interest on Alabama Bonds	100 00
" "	" Interest on note of N. H. R. Dawson	400 00
May 9.—	" Interest on balance of note of Samuel Edwards	23 65
		$843 65

1879.	*CR.*	
M'ch 19.—	By Cash paid H. Barnewall, Treasurer	$300 00
April 12.—	" Cash paid for one $100 Alabama Bond—No. 8,924	51 25
May 9.—	" Cash paid H. Barnewall, Treasurer, to balance	492 40
		$843 65

N. H. R. DAWSON, Treasurer.

SELMA, ALA., May 14, 1879.

SECURITIES BELONGING TO BISHOP'S FUND,

WITH THE COST THEREOF.

Bonds of the City of Selma, each for $500, and numbered 52, 53, 54,	$1,125 00
Bond No. 116 of City of Selma, for $1,000	750 00
Note of N. H. R. Dawson	5,000 00
Note of St. John's Church, at Montgomery	5,000 00
Past due interest on last note	2,000 00
Balance due on note of Sam'l Edwards	296 09
Eight Consolidated Bonds of the State of Alabama, of Class A, for $1,000 each, and numbered 2,376, 2,377, 2,378, 4,718, 5,201, 5,203, 5,204, 5,222.	
Fifteen Consolidated Bonds of the State of Alabama, of Class A, for $100 each, numbered 8,371, 8,372, 8,377, 8,409, 8,410, 8,411, 8,542, 8,543, 8,711, 8,793, 8,794, 8,795, 8,796, 8,833, 8,848.	
One Consolidated Bond of the State of Alabama, of Class A, for $500, numbered 6,305.	
The cost of the above Alabama Bonds, including commissions and and charges for change of investment being	4,195 39
One Consolidated Bond of the State of Alabama, Class A, for $100, numbered 8,924	51 25
	$18,417 73

N. H. R. DAWSON, Treasurer.

SELMA, ALA., May 14, 1879.

The foregoing constitute all the solvent assets of the Fund. The Trustees also hold Certificate No. 62, for 54 shares of the Capital Stock of the Pensacola and Louisville Railroad Co., dated October, 14, 1872; par value of each share, $100—total, $5,400. This Stock is of no present or prospective value.

N. H. R. DAWSON, Treasurer.

APPENDIX D.

Report of the Registrar,

FOR THE YEAR 1878–'79.

To the Forty-eighth Annual Convention
of the Diocese of Alabama:

Since my last Report I have received and duly filed the following papers:

SENTENCES OF CONSECRATION.

1. St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County, Alabama.
2. St. John's Church, Tuscumbia, Alabama.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Articles of Association of St. Peter's Parish, Talladega, Alabama.
2. Report and vouchers of HENRY BARNEWALL, Treasurer, for fiscal year ending May 1st, 1878.

Respectfully submitted.

GAYLORD B. CLARK.

MOBILE, May 12, 1879.

APPENDIX E.

Diocesan Treasurer's Account.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 15, 1879.

HENRY BARNEWALL, *Treasurer*,

In Account with THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

1878.	*DR.*	
May 9.—To Balance		$446 33
	Athens Mission	20 00
	Anniston Mission	25 00
	Christ Church, Mobile	650 00
	Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	150 00
	Church of the Advent, Birmingham	60 00
	Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	60 00
	Church of the Nativity, Huntsville	350 00
	Grace Church, Clayton	60 00
	Grace Church, Portland	20 00
	Grace Church, Morgan County	25 00
	St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville	20 00
	St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station	45 00
	St. David's Church, Dallas	45 00
	St. James' Church, Eufaula	135 00
	St. James' Church, Livingston	50 00
	St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville	50 00
	St. John's Church, Mobile	200 00
	St. John's Church, Montgomery	650 00
	St. John's Church, Tuscumbia	40 00
	St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene	64 20
	St. Mark's Church, Prattville	35 00
	St. Mary's Church, Evergreen	2 50
	St. Michael's Church, Marengo County	50 00
	St. Paul's Church, Carlowville	30 00
	St. Paul's Church, Decatur	25 00
	St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'	150 00
	St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro'	80 00
	St. Paul's Church, Selma	325 00
	St. Mary's Church, Camden	10 00
	St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill	10 00
	St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw	75 00
	St. Peter's Church, Talladega	20 00
	St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion	50 00
	St. Thomas' Church, Greenville	57 70
	Trinity Church, Demopolis	150 00
	Trinity Church, Florence	34 85
	Trinity Church, Mobile	400 00
	Montevallo Mission	15 00
1879.		
M'ch 24.—	" N. H. R. Dawson, Treasurer Bishop's Fund, $300 00	
May 9.—	" " " " " " 492 65—	$792 65
		$5,478 23

1878.		CR.		
May 10.—	By paid	Rev. R. H. Cobbs, Secretary to Convention		$ 50 00
.. .. ..	..	S. Warner, Sexton Trinity Parish, Demopolis, services at Convention		10 00
.. 26.—	.. ..	Piedmont and Arlington Life Insurance Co. ½ premium on Policy No. 3,400, on life of Bishop R. H. Wilmer		129 25
July 15.—	.. ..	H. Farrow & Co., printing Journal	$252 40	
		Postage, express and freight	12 97—	265 37
.. 17.—	.. ..	Henry Barnewall Treasurer		50 00
1879.				
Jan'y 14.—	.. ..	Mobile Postoffice, 300 Postal Cards		3 00
Feb'y 5.—	.. ..	Henry Farrow & Co., printing 300 Postal Cards		1 40
.. .. ..	..	Bishop R. H. Wilmer, as per vouchers:		
		Balance salary 1877–'78	$ 400 00	
		On account salary 1878–'79	4,119 21—	4,519 21
.. .. ..	..	Balance		450 00
				$5,478 23

May 15.—To Balance ..... $ 450 00

E. & O. E.
MOBILE, May 15, 1879.

HENRY BARNEWALL, Treasurer,
Diocese of Alabama.

APPENDIX F.

Diocesan Treasurer's Report

AS TO THE STATUS OF PARISHES AND MISSIONS IN ARREARS.

Under the recommendation of the Finance Committee, (see page 17, Journal, 1878) I addressed, shortly after the adjournment of the Convention, a circular letter to Parishes and Missions in arrears, and regret to advise a feeble and unsatisfactory response.

On page 22, Journal, 1878, will be found the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer take such steps as may be necessary to ascertain the correct status of all past due accounts on his books, and make a full report of all insolvent Parishes to the next Convention.

In conformity with the above Resolution, on the 29th March last, I addressed a letter to each Parish and Mission in arrears, requesting a full report to be sent me covering the information called for under the Resolution. From some I have replies, but many have not complied, hence I find it necessary to lay before the Convention a Report made up for the most part of my own knowledge as to the standing of many of the Parishes and Missions in arrears. It is quite possible I may be in error as regards some, and I trust I am.

From the best information I can gain, I consider as insolvent so far as arrears are concerned, the Parishes and Missions as set forth in Schedule A, attached hereto, and recommend that the amounts standing against them be remitted, or, if it be the pleasure of the Convention, closed by suspense account, and against some of them no further assessments be made, unless there be a reasonable prospect of collecting. It is but just to suppose that these Parishes and Missions, after the many earnest appeals that have been made, are in no condition to pay their arrears, and the sooner this is recognized the better.

It may be well to note here that, by Canon, no Parish in arrears can have Lay representation unless the same be remitted, consequently the account of any Parish closed by suspense account would not be entitled to such representation.—(Title 1, Canon 1, § 3.) I have given the provisions of this Canon my earnest and careful consideration, and am forced to the conclusion that the effect of it is detrimental to the well being of the Diocese, the good expected to be derived from it has not been accomplished, on the contrary the amount of arrears has increased rather than diminished, and I very much doubt the wisdom of holding over the heads of Parishes an amount of indebtedness that cannot be discharged. They have a pride which is wounded year after year, until finally they become indifferent, and the life of the Parish destroyed.

The Committee on Finance in making up the estimate for Assessments, have been in the habit of counting on something being realized from arrearages, and as a rule are disappointed; hence the Convention is misled as to the actual amount available for Convention purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY BARNEWALL, Treasurer
Diocese of Alabama.

SCHEDULE A.

St. Luke's Parish, Cahaba	3 years,	$ 35 00
St. Mary's Parish, Tallassee—remitted in 1877, nothing paid since		20 00
St. Matthew's, Autaugaville—nothing paid since 1875		80 00
St. Paul's Church, Whistler—nothing paid since 1876		75 00
St. John's Parish, Madison Station—assessed first 1875; nothing paid,		40 00
Trinity Parish, Union Springs—remitted in 1876, nothing paid since.		30 00
Courtland Mission	2 years.	40 00
Emmanuel Church, Opelika—remitted in 1876, nothing paid since		120 00
St. John's Parish, Elyton—remitted in 1876, nothing paid since		35 00
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville—balance 1876		150 00
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa—balance 1876–'77		200 00
St. Mary's Parish, Evergreen—remitted in 1877, paid on account February 5, 1879, $2 50	Balance	17 50
Scottsboro' Mission—assessed first in 1877; nothing paid		30 00
St. Wilfrid's Parish, Marion		10 00
		$882 50

NOTE.—The above amount of $10 arrearage against St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion, was paid during the meeting of the Convention.

APPENDIX G.

Report of Trustee of University of the South.

To the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama :

The undersigned, Trustee, attended the last annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of the South, at Sewanee, in July and August, 1878.

He is glad to have it in his power to state that the Schools of Chemistry, Ancient Languages and Literature, Ethics and Evidences of Christianity, Mathematics, Metaphysics and English Literature, Geology and Mineralogy, Political Economy and History, and Engineering and Physics are fully organized, and that the University was in successful operation, with a large number of Students in attendance.

The Trustees, at this meeting, placed the control of the educational interests of the University, under the Hebdomadal Board, or corps of Professors. The Committee to whom this matter was confided made the following report:

The Special Committee appointed to confer with the Hebdomadal Board and obtain a distinct statement of the terms upon which they will conduct the educational interests of the University for the ensuing year, report the following statement, or Syllabus, as the agreement of the Hebdomadal Board:

SYLLABUS.

The Hebdomadal Board, in accepting the proposed responsibility, shall have full charge and control of the educational interest of the University of the South, under the organization and laws of the same, including the power to raise funds for the support of the University, and to associate with themselves any person or persons whose assistance and co-operation may be desirable for its development, with strict regard to the conservation of its present relation to the Church.

We accept the Tuition, Matriculation and Medical Fees, and out of these, undertake to provide our own support, subject to such modifications as the stipulations respecting the power to raise money may occasion.

In the Hebdomadal Board shall be vested all the powers, whatsoever, hitherto delegated to the Vice-Chancellor.

The organization of the Grammar School as well as that of the Under-Graduate Department, shall be entrusted solely to the Hebdomadal Board, as the essential condition of economical management.

The Hebdomadal Board shall be relieved of the support of the Theological Professors, and also of the Treasurer and Commissioner of Buildings and Lands.

The Chairman of the Hebdomadal Board shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees from among the members of the Hebdomadal Board.

Resolved, By the Hebdomadal Board, that the Board of Trustees, in view of the financial necessities of the situation, be requested to re-organize and constitute the Hebdomadal Board, and then to let that Hebdomadal Board answer the question as to the time at which the plan, as proposed, shall go into effect.

In the above arrangement agreed upon between the Board of Trustees and the Hebdomadal Board, it is not intended by either party thereto that the organic law of the corporation shall be in any respect overturned. It is not intended that the Board of Trustees shall abdicate the authority and supervision committed to them by the Church, and its Charter; but, it being evident that the Board are not able to provide and guarantee the necessary expenditures for the ensuing year, the Hebdomadal Board, upon such state of facts being made known to them, agree to relieve the Board of Trustees of responsibility for salaries, and to look to the Academic income of the Institution, and to such other resources as are open to them under the terms of the Syllabus, for their remuneration for the ensuing year, further agreeing to take no action, whatever, affecting in anywise the organic law, or affecting the interests of the Institution, without the consent of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, which they specially request to be continued for purposes of conference and advice during the ensuing year.

It is futher agreed by the Hebdomadal Board that they will afford instruction, to be approved by the Trustees, or the Executive Committee, in the schools of Physics, Modern Languages and of Commerce and Trade, and that they will create no debt or obligation binding upon the Board of Trustees.

This agreement is to continue for one year from the beginning of the current Trinity term.

Your Committee recommend that the said Syllabus be received and approved and adopted for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted.

[Signed,] JOHN F. YOUNG, L. N. WHITTLE, ALBERT T. McNEAL, } *Committee.*

This Report was fully discussed, in all of its details, and after mature consideration, was adopted as the best and most feasible plan for the welfare of the University, in view of its financial condition, and so far, I am informed, has worked admirably.

The attendance of Students has not diminished, and the institution is in a reasonably flourishing condition.

At the same meeting the following proceedings were had, in regard to the maintenance of the Theological Department:

Mr. McNEAL presented the following paper from the Theological Professors:

The Board of Trustees must take the action necessary to placing the Theological Department upon the Church for support.

The Theological Department will need from the Church, for the salaries of existing Professors and the securing of the necessary additional services in teaching, $5,000 annually, at the least—an average of $500 from each Diocese—to be raised by Advent offerings, supplemented by contributions of individuals.

It is suggested, that after the probable election of a Dean, any further organization that may be needed in the Theological Department, the securing of additional services, etc., be left to the Theological Faculty, acting with the Executive Committee.

In voluntarily placing, not only themselves, but what is of far more consequence, the maintenance and interests of the important Department which they represent, upon the current and precarious support of the Church, the Theological Professors deem it unnecessary to urge upon the Board of Trustees to take, if possible, such action as will awaken the Church to its responsibility, so as not only not to imperil the existence, but to insure the efficiency of a very necessary work.

[Signed,] GEO. T. WILMER, W. P. DUBOSE, } *Committee.*

On motion of Mr. McNEAL, it was

Resolved, (75) That this Board, finding it impossible to provide for the conduct and support of the University, as at present organized, without danger of largely increasing our debt by exceeding our income, have deemed it best to place the support and maintenance of the Theological Department upon the Church at large, especially as said Department has been for many years past supported by the University.

Resolved, (76) That the respective Dioceses interested in this Institution, be requested to pledge, annually, to the support of said Department, the sum of $500 each, or such sum, larger or smaller, as they may be able to pledge, so as to guarantee, if possible, $5,000 annually to the support of said Department.

Resolved, (77) That all Advent offerings and Parish and Diocesan offerings for the ensuing year, be used for the support of the said Department, provided the same do not exceed the sum of $5,000.

Resolved, (78) That the Professors in the Theological Department, as at present constituted, may exercise their own judgment, by and with the consent of the Executive Committee, in extending their teaching force, provided that no debt be thereby created against this Board.

Resolved, (79) That a committee, consisting of two Bishops, two Presbyters and two Laymen, be appointed to announce to the Church the organization of the Theological School of the University of the South, its plan of organization, and to make an earnest appeal to the Church at large to rally to its support.

The Chair appointed as such committee the Bishops of Florida and Arkansas, the Rev. Drs. PORTER and PATTERSON, and Messrs. THOMPSON and WHITTLE. On motion, the Chancellor was added as Chairman of the same, together with the Professors in the Theological Department.

The Committee, appointed under the foregoing resolutions, to announce to the Church the organization of the Theological School, in the University, has made such announcement, and issued an appeal, which is appended to this Report, marked "A", and to which you are referred.

Under this plan, it will be seen that the support of the Theological Department has been thrown upon the Church, in the ten Southern Dioceses, which are interested in the institution, and that each of them is expected to contribute as much as Five Hundred Dollars towards the amount to be raised.

The Trustees made no pledge to bind their Dioceses, as they had no authority to do so, but it was agreed that they should recommend the plan to the favorable consideration of their Conventions.

It was thought that there was a reasonable assurance that this amount would be contributed by the voluntary offerings of the Dioceses interested, and the department was thoroughly organized and put into operation.

The year ends in August, and so far only about Twenty-six Hundred and Fifty-five Dollars have been contributed, of which Two Hundred and Sixty-six Dollars and Ninety Cents have been received from the Diocese of Alabama.

I deem it my duty to communicate these facts to you, and to ask for them your respectful consideration.

The time has come when we should act, and lend a helping hand to this Theological School. It is in the hands of a competent Faculty, and has been created under the fostering care of your Bishops; and if it is desirable to provide and educate a home ministry, the support of this school is worthy of an earnest and determined effort. I hope this subject will be deemed of sufficient importance to be referred to a special committee, with instructions to report to this Convention. All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. H. R. DAWSON.

May 14th, 1879.

EXHIBIT A.

Theological Department University of the South.

The Board of Trustees of the University of the South at its recent meeting, reorganized the Academic Department upon a basis which it is believed will not only place it upon a securer footing but increase in all respects its efficiency.

In effecting this, however, it became necessary to separate the *Theological Department* from the rest, and to relieve the University altogether of its support.

This necessitated the placing the Theological Department wholly upon the current contributions of the Church for its maintenance, and in doing so, the undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board of Trustees for this purpose, would make the following statement and appeal.

This is the Theological School of more than ten Southern Dioceses, which have learned by experience two truths. 1st—That the Clergy of any great section must not only be drawn from, but be educated in and for that section. And 2d—That a Seminary worthy of the character and needs of the Church can only be the product of such a combination of Dioceses as in the South is possible only at Sewanee.

The Theological Department of the University of the South is now fully organized, with four Professors; and has just received for its use the munificent donation of a building, which for all its purposes, is unsurpassed in this country.

For the maintenance of this department there will be needed at least $5,000 annually—an average of $500 from each Diocese. The method of raising this will of course be determined by each Diocese. It is suggested, however, that it be done in the form of the already existing Advent offering, which will no longer be devoted, as heretofore, to the general purposes of the University.

In this appeal, the University asks no more from the Dioceses than it has for a long time been gratuitously bestowing upon them. The Academic Department is now *giving* annually in free or reduced tuition from $4,000 to $5,000 to some forty or fifty students, many of whom are looking forward to the Ministry. And this does not include the large amounts given to the same and other students in free or reduced board.

The Theological School of the South is thus thrown upon the Church for its support. Upon the favorable and immediate response to this appeal will depend its further existence and its efficiency. When so much has been done for the Church at no cost to itself: where what remains to be done is so great and so manifest a necessity to its best and highest interest, it is felt that nothing more can be needed than the above simple statement of facts.

All communications for the present may be made to Rev. W. P. DuBose, S. T. D., Secretary and Treasurer of the Theological Faculty.

W. M. GREEN, B'p of Miss.
H. N. PIERCE, B'p of Ark.
GEO. PATTERSON.
L. N. WHITTLE.
G. T. WILMER.
J. F. YOUNG, B'p of Fla.
A. T. PORTER.
JACOB THOMPSON.
TELFAIR HODGSON.
W. P. DuBOSE.

University of the South.

OFFICE OF THE HEBDOMADAL BOARD,

Sewanee, Tenn., May 9th, 1879.

Dr. J. M. Banister:

Dear Sir—In reply to your request for facts and suggestions for a report, I have the honor to submit the following, as a brief outline of our work and its results.

The great effort of the Hebdomadal Board, since the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, has been directed to the increase of our patronage. For this purpose each State has been canvassed, through the Clergy, for names of parents who had sons to educate. By this means we were enabled, early in the winter to reach many persons who have never known of the existence of the University. This work is still going on, and we hope ultimately to be enabled to reach every Churchman throughout the South. The result of this work has been that about seventy-five per cent. of our students of last year have returned, and thirty-eight new students have matriculated at the opening of the present term. This is a larger number of matriculants than we have had (at this time) for some years. We have also notice of many new students who will come at the opening of the next term. As we ask for patronage only and not, at present, for money, we earnestly ask the co-operation of the Clergy in sending us the names of possible patrons. The number of students who have entered this term, so far, is 123, and we have every reason to believe that our total number for the year will be equal to the number present during the past year.

In regard to the nature of the Circular we simply desire a general statement of the advantages of this place, the duty of fostering Church education, and the endorsement of the Church in the several Dioceses. I have received assurances from more than two-thirds of the Dioceses that similar Circulars will be advocated for distribution in the various States. This will certainly tend to increase our patronage, and support us in our present endeavor to make the University self-sustaining.

I remain, very respectfully,

JNO. B. ELLIOTT, M. D.,
Chairman.

APPENDIX H.

Account of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Mission Fund

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 15, 1879.

STEPHENS CROOM, *Treasurer*,

In Account with THE DIOCESAN MISSION FUND.

DR.

To Balance at last Annual Report	$ 340 38
Received since last Annual Report from—	
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville	56 00
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	50 00
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'	71 90
Trinity Church, Demopolis	139 00
St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station	28 00
St. Michael's Church, Marengo County	43 05
St. Peter's Church, Talladega	15 55
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville	7 25
Emmanuel Church, Opelika	6 85
St. Paul's Church, Selma	83 40
St. David's Church, Dallas	4 75
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville	43 55
Grace Church, Portland	26 45
St. John's Church, Montgomery	325 00
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro'	16 00
St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville	4 25
St. James' Church, Eufaula	30 00
St. Thomas' Church, Greenville	33 15
Christ Church, Mobile	405 85
" " " Sunday School offering	127 12
Trinity Church, Mobile	17 80
St. John's Church, Mobile	135 25
St. James' Church, Livingston	5 00
	$2,015 55

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1878.	By paid the Bishop's drafts in favor of and dated—	Voucher No.	
April 24.—	Rev. F. B. Lee	1	$ 75 00
" "—	" Chas. E. Cabaniss	2	50 00
May 3.—	" J. H. Ticknor	3	30 00
" 9.—	" A. Kinney Hall	4	25 70
" 30.—	" F. B Lee	5	50 00
June 18.—	" B. F. Mower	6	50 00
July 5.—	Mission Books	7	60 00
Sept'r 2.—	Rev. A. J. Roberts	8	25 00
" 13.—	" J. F. Smith	9	75 00
" "—	" DeB. Waddell	10	75 00
	Amount carried forward		$515 70

1878.	Amount brought forward		$515 70
Sep. 18.—	Rev. D. F. Hoke	11...	50 00
" 23.—	" B. F. Mower	12...	75 00
" "—	" A. Kinney Hall	13...	50 00
" 30.—	" A. J. Roberts	14...	25 00
Nov. 4.—	" A. J. Roberts	15...	41 10
1879.			
Jan'y 16.—	" J. F. Smith	16...	50 00
" 24.—	Mission Books	17...	7 20
" "—	Rev. A. J. Roberts	18...	40 00
Feb'y 7.—	" DeB. Waddell	19...	50 00
M'ch 4.—	" A J. Roberts	20...	50 00
" 17.—	" DeB. Waddell	21...	50 00
April 5.—	" A. J. Roberts	22...	42 15
" 8.—	" J. H. Ticknor	23...	6 85
" 9.—	" F. B. Ticknor	24...	20 25
" 15.—	Church at Evergreen	25...	100 00
" "—	Rev. J. H. Ticknor	26...	43 15
" 16.—	" DeB. Waddell	27...	100 00
" —	" J. F. Smith	28...	100 00
" "—	" B. F. Mower	29...	50 00
May 3.—	" Chas. E. Cabaniss	30...	50 00
" "—	" A. J. Roberts	31...	50 00
" 15.—	St. Mark's Church, Prattville	32...	50 00
" "—	Mission at Mount Meigs	33...	100 00
	Paid for printing Quarterly Statements	34...	2 95
	By balance on hand		295 20
			$2,015 55

Respectfully submitted.

STEPHENS CROOM, Treasurer.

GREENSBORO', May 15, 1879.

APPENDIX I.

Memorial from Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama:

Your memorialists, the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, respectfully represent that in the Conventional year 1875-'6 they failed to pay the amount assessed against this Parish by the sum of One Hundred Dollars, and made default for a similar amount upon the Conventional assessment for the year 1876–'7, and that they are now in arrears Two Hundred Dollars, which they are unable to pay.

Your memorialists would respectfully represent that, while our Parish has suffered in common with all other Parishes from the wide-spread and general

depression which has extended throughout the whole country, by which the means and ability of every one have been greatly reduced, we have had special and peculiar causes which have rendered us unable to meet the obligations imposed upon us by the Convention.

In the month of July, 1872, an unprecedented flood swept away the entire crop along the Warrior river, and inflicted a very heavy loss upon our community, from the effects of which we, as a Parish, suffered severely, and from which we were still suffering when the financial crash of 1873 came upon the country.

Previous to this, the Parish had purchased a Rectory and school building for the sum of $4,000, and were still owing one-half the purchase money.

Forecasting the future, the Vestry realized the absolute necessity of reducing the expenditures if they hoped ever to be released from the burden of the debt. Expenses, in every possible manner, were curtailed, and the delegates to the Convention in 1874-'5 were instructed to represent the condition, and obtain a reduction of the assessment from Two to One Hundred Dollars. This representation was made, aud did not prove unsuccessful from want of merit—but because the Finance Committee had determined this year to make no reduction of former assessments; the Chairman stating that the amount would be remitted by the Convention in the event the Parish could not meet it.

Subsequent occurrences still further lessened our ability to pay this assessment. In 1876 a large and influential manufacturing firm of our city failed in business, inflicting a loss of more than $200,000 upon our community, nearly one-fourth of which was sustained by members of our Parish.

In the month of September, 1877, after the crop had been made and was ready for harvesting, our section was visited by another flood, which carried away the products of our most fertile fields, and reduced thousands from competency to abject want. The effects of this disastrous overflow is still felt in our community.

These are the principle causes which have prevented the Parish from being able to pay its arrears. The amount paid for the past two years of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, has been paid by reducing the Rector's salary, and in the meantime, we have been unable to pay anything upon the principal of our debt, which is $1,300.

Our failure to meet promptly the amount assessed against us is not owing to any disposition on our part to avoid doing our whole duty and bearing our full share of the expenses of the Diocese, but wholly to causes beyond our control, and for which we are in no wise responsible.

Under these circumstances, we are forced to ask (which we do reluctantly) that the amount remaining unpaid, and which has excluded us from Lay representation in the Convention for the past three years, may now be remitted, and, as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

GEO. H. HUNT, Rector.
J. H. FITTS, Senior Warden.
E. N. C. SNOW, Junior Warden.

In Memory

OF

Rev. John Murray Robertson.

Born in Cambridge, Dorchester County, Md., June 17, 1804;

Educated at Washington (now Trinity) College;

Graduated at the General Theological Seminary, July 31, 1831;

Ordained Deacon by Rt. Rev. Bishop Stone, in Great Choptank Parish, Md., October 30, 1831;

Ordained Priest by Rt. Rev. Bishop Ives, at Warrenton, N. C., May, 1833;

Died near Huntsville, Ala., August 7, 1878.

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."
[Rev. Ch. II: Ver. 10.

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Forty-Ninth Annual Convention.

April 28th, 29th and 30th and May 1st,

1880.

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April 28th, 29th, 30th, and May 1st,

A. D. 1880.

MOBILE:
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List of the Clergy in the Diocese of Alabama.

	Post Office.
RT. REV. RICHARD H. WILMER, D. D.	Mobile.
REV. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., Church of the Nativity	Huntsville.
" ROBERT W. BARNWELL, St. Paul's Church	Selma.
" THOS. J. BEARD, St. John's Church	Mobile.
" CHAS. E. CABANISS, (Deacon) Evangelist	Huntsville.
" R. H. COBBS, D. D., St. Paul's Church	Greensboro.
" *THOS. A. COOK, Planters' Institute	Alpine.
" J. C. DAVIS, St. James' Church	Eufaula.
" ALEX. I. DRYSDALE, Christ Church	Mobile.
" *GEO. M. EVERHART, D. D., Rector of Hamner Hall	Montgomery.
" JOHN B. GRAY, Church of the Advent	Birmingham.
" A. KINNEY HALL, (Deacon) St. James' Church	Livingston.
" *D. F. HOKE, (Deacon) officiating at	Anniston.
" GEO. H. HUNT, Christ Church	Tuskaloosa.
" JAMES S. JOHNSTON, Trinity Church	Mobile.
" *F. B. LEE, St. Paul's Church, Carlowville	Minter.
" B. F. MOWER, St. John's Church, Tuscumbia, and Trinity Church, Florence	Florence.
" *W. J. PERDUE	Gadsden.
" *JAMES D. PORTER, (Deacon)	Greenville.
" *ASA J. ROBERTS, (Deacon) Evangelist	Mobile.
" S. U. SMITH, St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene, and St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw	Eutaw.
" J. F. SMITH, St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville, and St. Peter's Church, Talladega	Talladega.
" WM. A. STICKNEY, Faunsdale Chapel	Faunsdale.
" HORACE STRINGFELLOW, JR., D. D., St. John's Church, Montgomery	Montgomery.
" *J. H. TICKNOR, D. D., Emmanuel Church	Opelika.
" F. B. TICKNOR, (Deacon) St. Paul's Church	Lowndesboro.
" JAMES A. VAN HOOSE	Birmingham.
" DEB. WADDELL, Grace Church	Clayton.

Those marked (*) were not in attendance.

Deaconesses.

Sister HARRIET	Church Home,	Mobile.
" GRACE	" "	"
" IRENE	" "	"
" REBECCA	" "	"
" ELIZABETH	" "	"
" SARAH	" "	"

Postulants.

L. L. WILLIAMS. R. H. LEWIS.

Candidate for Deacon's Orders.

STEWART McQUEEN.

Candidates for Priest's Orders.

REV. CHAS. E. CABANISS, DEACON.

ARTHUR PERRY GREENLEAF, B. A.

Lay Readers.

EDWIN SHEILD, Uniontown.
J. W. CLAY, Huntsville.
JAS. H. FITTS, Tuskaloosa.
PETER BRYCE, Tuskaloosa.
DAVID BUELL, Greenville.
DAVID H. MINGE, Faunsdale.
JOHN H. FORNEY, Selma.
M. R. JARVIS, Selma.
D. POYNER, Eutaw.
STENHOPE BRASFIELD, Forkland.
CHARLES L. STICKNEY, Greensboro.
A. BENNERS, Greensboro.
W. D. WHETSTONE, Prattville.
JAS. H. GRAY, Decatur.
A. L. KRON, Decatur.
JAS. W. HALL, Geneva.
J. B. McCLELLAND, Trinity.
WM. MINOR LILE, Trinity.
D. F. PROUT, Demopolis.
ELLIS PHELAN, Birmingham.

Officers of the Convention.

PRESIDENT.

THE RIGHT REV. RICHARD HOOKER WILMER, D. D.

SECRETARY.

REV. RICHARD H. COBBS, D. D., GREENSBORO.

TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

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TREASURER OF THE DIOCESAN MISSIONARY FUND.

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REGISTRAR.

MR. JAMES BOND, MOBILE.

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REV. H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D. MR. F. B. CLARK,
MR. JAMES BOND, Secretary, MOBILE.

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TREASURER OF THE BISHOP'S FUND.

MR. N. H. R. DAWSON, SELMA.

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REV. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.

MR. N. H. R. DAWSON. MR. J. H. FITTS.

Treasurer of the University of the South for Alabama.

MR. F. B. CLARK, MOBILE.

COMMITTEE OF ADVICE IN REGARD TO CHURCH PROPERTY.

MR. N. W. PERRY, MR. R. MOORE, MR. JAMES BOND,
MOBILE, ALA.

Standing Committees of the Convention.

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" DeB. WADDELL,
" R. W. BARNWELL,
" J. C. DAVIS,
" C. E. CABANISS,

Mr. EDWIN SHEILD,
" J. R. ROBERTSON,
" JOEL WHITE,
" JNO. A. LILE,
" THOS. COBBS,
" H. A. TAYLOE.

COMMITTEE ON CANONS.

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" J. M. BANISTER, D. D.
" T. J. BEARD,

Mr. DAVID BUELL,
" JAMES BOND,
" ELLIS PHELAN,
" F. B. CLARK.

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" ROBERT MIDDLETON,
" R. H. DUGGAR,
" JOSIAH MORRIS,
" H. C. HART,

Mr. F. S. LYON,
" PETER M. DOX,
" JAS. H. FITTS,
Rev. W. A. STICKNEY,
" S. U. SMITH.

COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Rev. R. H. COBBS, D. D.

Mr. R. H. PEARSON.

Examiners.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.
" R. H. COBBS, D. D.
" J. H. TICKNOR, D. D.

Rev. GEO. H. HUNT.
" H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D.
" THOS. J. BEARD.

Rev. ALEX. I. DRYSDALE.

List of Lay Deputies.

Christ Church, Mobile.

F. B. Clark,
Robert Middleton,
*Thos. S. Fry,
*Geo. H. Dunlap,
*Stephens Croom.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro.

*C. L. Stickney,
*C. E. Waller,
*A. S. Jeffries,
*V. Gayle Snedecor,
W. H. Locke.

St. James' Church, Livingston.

*Carlos G. Smith,
Thos. Cobbs,
*W. R. DeLoach,
*James G. Whitfield.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Josiah Morris,
Joel White,
John S. Jamieson,
*John L. Cobbs,
*Chas. T. Pollard,

St. Paul's Church, Selma.

*N. H. R. Dawson,
R. M. Nelson,
Jno. White,
J. H. Forney,
Daniel Partridge.

St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.

*E. F. Campbell,
*D. Poyner,
Frank P. Jarvis,
James B. Head.

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

Jas. H. Fitts,
John Snow,
Alonzo Hill.

Trinity Church, Demopolis.

F. S. Lyon,
J. R. Robertson,
*C. B. Whitfield.

Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

*George P. Beirne,
Peter M. Dox,
Daniel Coleman,
*Milton Humes.

St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene.

*John W. McAlpine,
*Ezra F. Bouchelle.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon.

*W. P. Bocock,
H. A. Tayloe,
*James H. DuBose,
R. H. Duggar.

St. John's Church, Mobile.

James Bond,
*Wm. H. Beatty,
*P. C. Candidus,
*Lawrence Hammond,
*Chas. W. Gazzam, Sr.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

Edwin Sheild,
*Jno. Bush,
*Jos. M. Davidson,
*J. M. Langhorne.

St. James' Church, Eufaula.

H. C. HART,
*H. R. SHORTER,
W. H. BRAY,
J. H. WHITLOCK,
*M. B. WELLBORN.

Church of the Advent, Birmingham.

R. H. PEARSON,
ELLIS PHELAN,
W. J. MILNER,
L. A. HOWSER,
W. L. MUDD.

St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.

*H. L. ALISON,
*J. D. ALISON,
*BENJ'N REYNOLDS, JR.
*T. B. LEE,
*W. A. BIBB.

Grace Church, Morgan County.

JOHN A. LILE.

Trinity Church, Mobile,

*H. T. TOULMIN,
*G. OWEN,
*R. MOORE,
*O. F. CAWTHON.

St. Thomas' Church, Greenville.

DAVID BUELL,
*EDWARD CRENSHAW,
*C. B. HERBERT,
R. Z. FOSTER.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo Co.

*DAVID MINGE,
*CHARLES D. WALKER,
A. J. BETHEA.

St. David's Church, Dallas County.

*F. M. DANSBY.

Trinity Church, Union Springs.

D. F. MCCALL.

Those marked (*) were not in attendance.

Deputies to the General Convention.

REV. H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D.
REV. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.
REV. ALEX. I. DRYSDALE.
REV. R. W. BARNWELL.

MR. PETER M. DOX,
MR. JOEL WHITE,
MR. F. B. CLARK,
MR. R. M. NELSON.

ALTERNATES.

REV. GEO. H. HUNT,
REV. J. C. DAVIS,
REV. DEB. WADDELL,
REV. S. U. SMITH,

MR. W. H. BRAY,
MR. N. H. R. DAWSON,
MR. JAMES BOND,
MR. DAVID BUELL.

Conbocations.

AS APPOINTED FOR THE YEAR 1880.

1st. CONVOCATION OF HUNTSVILLE.

REV. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., Dean.

This Convocation embraces the counties of Madison, Jackson, Morgan, Limestone, Lawrence, Franklin and Lauderdale.

2d. CONVOCATION OF TUSKALOOSA.

REV. GEO. H. HUNT, Dean.

This Convocation embraces the counties of Sumter, Greene, Tuskaloosa, Jefferson, Talladega, Calhoun and Shelby.

3d. CONVOCATION OF SELMA.

REV. R. H. COBBS, D. D., Dean.

This Convocation embraces the counties of Hale, Marengo, Perry, Dallas and Choctaw.

4th. CONVOCATION OF MONTGOMERY.

REV. HORACE STRINGFELLOW, JR., D. D., Dean.

This Convocation embraces the counties of Barbour, Russell, Tallapoosa, Lee, Elmore, Bullock, Montgomery, Wilcox, Butler, Conecuh, Lowndes and Autauga.

5th. CONVOCATION OF MOBILE.

REV. THOS. J. BEARD, Dean.

This Convocation embraces the counties of Mobile and Baldwin.

Diocesan Institutions.

HAMNER HALL.....MONTGOMERY,

A SCHOOL (BOARDING AND DAY) FOR GIRLS,

Rev. GEO. M. EVERHART, D. D., Rector.

THE CHURCH HOME.....MOBILE,

AN INSTITUTION FOR ORPHAN GIRLS,

Cared for by a Sisterhood. Sister HARRIET, Chief Deaconess.

THE CHURCH HOME FOR ORPHAN BOYS,

Cared for by the same Sisterhood.

Journal of Proceedings.

The Forty-Ninth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, assembled in the Church of the Advent, Birmingham, April 28th, 1880.

Morning Prayer was said at 11 o'clock A. M., and the Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. S. JOHNSTON, from the text: ST. JOHN, chapter 5, verses 2–16:

"The Healing of the Man at the Pool of Bethesda."

Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by Rev. J. B. GRAY, Rector of the Parish.

At 3 o'clock P. M. the Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. President, who presented the following

List of Clergy entitled to Seats in the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, April 28th, 1880.

RT. REV. RICHARD H. WILMER, D. D.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.
" R. W. BARNWELL,
" THOS. J. BEARD,
" CHAS. E. CABANISS,
" R. H. COBBS, D. D,
" J. C. DAVIS,
" ALEX. I. DRYSDALE,
" GEO. M. EVERHART, D. D.
" JOHN B. GRAY,
" A. KINNEY HALL,
" D. F. HOKE,
" GEO. H. HUNT,
" JAMES S. JOHNSTON,
Rev. F. B. LEE,
" B. F. MOWER,
" W. J. PERDUE,
" JAS. D. PORTER,
" ASA J. ROBERTS,
" S. U. SMITH,
" J. F. SMITH,
" WM. A. STICKNEY,
" HORACE STRINGFELLOW, D. D.
" J. H. TICKNOR, D. D.
" F. B. TICKNOR,
" JAS. A. VAN HOOSE,
" DEB. WADDELL.

The Secretary of the last Convention called the Roll as thus presented, and the following answered to their names, viz:

RT. REV. RICH'D H. WILMER, D. D.

Rev. R. W. BARNWELL,
" CHAS. E. CABANISS,
" R. H. COBBS, D. D.
" ALEX. I. DRYSDALE,
" JOHN B. GRAY,
" A. KINNEY HALL,
" GEO. H. HUNT,
" JAS. S. JOHNSTON.

Rev. B. F. MOWER,
" S. U. SMITH,
" WM. A. STICKNEY,
" HORACE STRINGFELLOW, D. D
" F. B. TICKNOR,
" JAS. A. VAN HOOSE,
" DEB. WADDELL,

In compliance with the Canon, the Treasurer of the Dioces presented the following list of Parishes entitled to representatic in this Convention:

Christ Church, Mobile.
St. John's Church, Mobile.
St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene.
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro.
St. Paul's Church, Whistler.
Trinity Church, Mobile.
St. Paul's Church, Selma.
St. James' Church, Livingston.
Trinity Church, Demopolis.
St. Paul's Church, Decatur.
Grace Church, Morgan County.
Trinity Church, Union Springs.
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro.
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.
St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.
Montevallo Mission.
St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.
Church of the Advent, Birmingham.
St. Thomas' Church, Greenville.
Athens Mission.
St. Michael's Church, Marengo Co.

The List of Parishes so entitled was then called, and Creden tials of Lay Deputies were presented and referred to a Commit tee consisting of Rev. Messrs. HUNT, GRAY and HALL.

This Committee reported the following Lay Deputies entitle to seats:

Christ Church, Mobile.

F. B. Clark, Stephens Croom,
Robert Middleton, T. S. Fry, Geo. H. Dunlap.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro.

C. L. Stickney, A. S. Jeffries,
V. G. Snedecor, C. E. Waller, W. H. Locke.

Trinity Church, Demopolis.

F. S. Lyon, J. R. Robertson, C. B. Whitfield.

St. James' Church, Livingston.

Thos. Cobbs, Carlos G. Smith,
W. R. DeLoach, J. G. Whitfield.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.

N. H. R. Dawson, R. M. Nelson,
John White, J. H. Forney, Dan'l Partridge.

St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.

E. F. Campbell, Jas. B. Head,
F. P. Jarvis, D. Poyner.

St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene.

John W. McAlpine, E. F. Bouchelle.

St. John's Church, Mobile.

James Bond, Lawrence Hammond,
C. W. Gazzam, Sr. W. H. Beatty, P. C. Candidus.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo County.

David Minge, A. J. Bethea, Chas. D. Walker.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

Edwin Sheild, John Bush,
Jos. M. Davidson, J. M. Langhorne.

St. Thomas' Church, Greenville.

David Buell, C. B. Herbert,
Edward Crenshaw, R. Z. Foster.

Trinity Church, Union Springs.

D. F. McCall.

Church of the Advent, Birmingham.

R. H. Pearson, Ellis Phelan,
W. J. Milner, W. L. Mudd, L. A. Howser.

Grace Church, Morgan County.

John A. Lile.

Their names being called, the following were found to be present, viz:

MESSRS. F. B. CLARK,	MESSRS. W. H. LOCKE,	MESSRS. L. A. HOWSER,
F. S. LYON,	R. M. NELSON,	J. R. ROBERTSON,
JAS. B. HEAD,	A. J. BETHEA,	DAN'L PARTRIDGE,
R. Z. FOSTER,	THOS. COBBS,	JAMES BOND,
JOHN WHITE,	F. P. JARVIS,	R. H. PEARSON,
W. L. MUDD,	W. J. MILNER,	JOHN A. LILE,
DAVID BUELL,	ELLIS PHELAN,	EDWIN SHEILD,
	ROBERT MIDDLETON.	

A quorum being present, the President announced the Convention duly organized.

Rev. R. H. COBBS, D. D., was nominated and elected Secretary.

On motion, the Rules of Order of last Convention were adopted for the government of this Convention.

On motion the Rules of Order were suspended, and the announcement of Standing Committees was postponed till Thursday.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese presented the following Annual Communication:

The Standing Committee of the Diocese respectfully submit the following Report of their official acts during the past year.

May 16th, 1879.—Organized by the election of Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., President, and JAMES BOND, Esq., Secretary; and recommended JAMES D. PORTER to be ordained Deacon, with dispensation from full Canonical time of one year, according to §1, Canon 6, Title I.

June 24th.—Gave consent to the Consecration of Rev. SAMUEL S. HARRIS, D. D., to the Episcopate of Michigan.

Nov. 24th.—Gave consent to the Consecration of Rev. THOS. A. STARKEY, D. D., to the Episcopate of Northern New Jersey; and elected Rev. THOS. J. BEARD, President, in place of Dr. MASSEY, removed from the Diocese.

Nov. 26th.—Elected Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, JR., D. D., of St. John's Church, Montgomery, to be a member of the Standing Committee.

Dec. 1st.—Gave consent to the Consecration of Rev. JOHN N. GALLEHER, D. D., to the Episcopate of Louisiana.

April 12th, 1880.—Recommended Rev. CHARLES E. CABANISS to be ordained to the Holy Order of Priests.

THOS. J. BEARD, President.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended, and the election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese was postponed till Thursday.

The Bishop of the Diocese then read his Annual Address to the Convention—(Appendix A.)

On motion, the Statistical portion of said Address was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended, the reading of Parochial Reports were dispensed with, and the same were ordered to be placed on the Secretary's table.

On motion, the election of Delegates to the General Convention was made the order of the day for 12 M., on Thursday.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 9½ o'clock A. M. Thursday.

SECOND DAY.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, BIRMINGHAM,
April 29th, 1880—9½ o'clock A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After prayers by the President, the Convention was called to order. The Roll was called, and a quorum found to be present.

The Rev. Messrs. BEARD and DAVIS appeared and took their seats.

The Minutes of yesterday's Proceedings were read and amended, and, as amended, were approved.

Credentials of Lay Deputies, in proper form, were presented from St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station, St. James' Church, Eufaula, Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, St. David's Church, Dallas County, St. John's Church, Montgomery, and St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.

The names of these Lay Deputies being called, the following persons appeared and took their seats in the Convention:

Messrs. JOSIAH MORRIS, JOEL WHITE, JOHN S. JAMIESON, of St. John's Church, Montgomery, PETER M. DOX, DAN'L COLEMAN, of Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, H. A. TAYLOE, R. H. DUGGAR, of St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station, and W. H. BRAY, H. C. HART, J. H. WHITLOCK, of St. James' Church, Eufaula.

Mr. D. F. MCCALL, of Trinity Church, Union Springs, also appeared and took his seat.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That visiting Clergy and Candidates for Holy Orders present in the City be invited to seats in this Convention.

Under this Resolution, the Rev. JOB TURNER, of the Diocese of Virginia, took his seat.

The following Standing Committees were announced by the President:

Committee on the State of the Church.—Rev. A. I. Drysdale, Rev. B. F. Mower, Rev. DeB. Waddell, Rev. R. W. Barnwell, Rev. J. C. Davis, Rev. C. E. Cabaniss, Messrs. Edwin Sheild, J. R. Robertson, Joel White, Jno. A. Lile, Thos. Cobbs and H. A. Tayloe.

Committee on Canons.—Rev. H. Stringfellow, D. D., Rev. Geo. H. Hunt, Rev. J. M. Banister, D. D., Rev. T. J. Beard, Messrs. David Buell, James Bond, Ellis Phelan and F. B. Clark.

Committee on Finance.—Messrs. R. M. Nelson, Robert Middleton, R. H. Duggar, Josiah Morris, H. C. Hart, F. S. Lyon, Peter M. Dox, Jas. H. Fitts, Rev. W. A. Stickney, Rev. S. U. Smith.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D., Mr. R. H. Pearson.

A Report was presented from the Special Committee on Canons appointed by the last Convention, and, on motion, it was received and referred, with all its recommendations, to the Committee on Canons.

A memorial from the University of the South was presented and read, and on motion, was referred to a special Committee, consisting of Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., Rev. GEO. H. HUNT, Rev. R. H. COBBS, D. D., Mr. H. C. HART, Mr. F. B. CLARK.

The Convention then proceeded to vote by ballot for the Standing Committee of the Diocese, Rev. Mr. CABANISS and Mr. R. Z. FOSTER being appointed Tellers.

The balloting resulted in the election of

Rev. T. J. BEARD,
Rev. A. I. DRYSDALE,
Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D.
and Mr. W. G. JONES,
Mr. F. B. CLARK and
Mr. JAMES BOND.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the portion of the Bishop's Address which related to Hamner Hall, be referred to a special Committee.

Rev. Mr. WADDELL, Mr. W. H. BRAY, Mr. W. J. MILNER, were appointed said Committee.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese was presented and, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Convention shall meet daily at 9 o'clock A. M. and adjourn at 1½ o'clock P. M.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to draft a Memorial to the General Convention, asking of that Body the creation of an Appellate Jurisdiction to review the proceedings and findings of Church Courts for the trial of Clergymen, and that the Committee report such Memorial to this Convention for its action.

Rev. T. J. BEARD, Rev. J. S. JOHNSTON, Rev. R. H. COBBS, D. D., Mr. JAMES BOND, Mr. DAVID BUELL, were appointed said Committee.

The following Resolution was presented:

Resolved, That this Convention proceed to take into consideration the expediency of severing the existing relations between the Diocese of Alabama and the University of the South.

On motion, this Resolution, with that portion of the Bishop's Address which related to the University of the South, was referred to the Special Committee of Five before appointed.

By unanimous consent, the Convention proceeded to the election of Deputies to the General Convention; voting by Orders and Parishes, upon the call of two Clergymen.

Rev. Mr. WADDELL and Mr. EDWIN SHEILD were appointed tellers to collect and count the Clerical vote; Rev. Mr. HUNT and Mr. W. H. BRAY being appointed to discharge the same duty in regard to the Lay vote.

The balloting resulted in the election of the following:

DEPUTIES.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D.	Mr. PETER M. DOX,
Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.	Mr. JOEL WHITE,
Rev. A. I. DRYSDALE,	Mr. F. B. CLARK,
Rev. R. W. BARNWELL,	Mr. R. M. NELSON.

ALTERNATE DEPUTIES.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
Rev. GEO. H. HUNT,	Mr. W. H. BRAY,
Rev. J. C. DAVIS,	Mr. N. H. R. DAWSON,
Rev. DEB. WADDELL,	Mr. JAMES BOND,
Rev. S. U. SMITH,	Mr. DAVID BUELL.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 9 o'clock A.M. Friday.

THIRD DAY.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, BIRMINGHAM,
April 30th, 1880.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After the Litany had been said the Convention was called to order, and a quorum found to be present.

Rev. Dr. BANISTER appeared and took his seat.

Credentials of Lay Deputies were presented from Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, and Messrs. J. H. FITTS and JOHN SNOW, from that Parish, appeared and took their seats.

Mr. J. H. FORNEY, of St. Paul's Church, Selma, also took his seat in the Convention.

The following was presented, and referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. S. U. SMITH, Mr. THOS. COBBS and Mr. DAVID BUELL:

The property of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen and of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Diocese of Alabama, consists of 649 shares, of $25 each, of the Capital Stock of the Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company. $382.94 cash on hand.

JOSEPH MARTIN, Treasurer.

HUNTSVILLE, ALA., 28th April, 1880.

This Committee having duly considered the subject, reported that, in their opinion, this Convention had no jurisdiction of the subject matter of said Report.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund was presented, and, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following Report was presented and read by the Secretary:

The undersigned, Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, beg leave to report that no change has been made in any of the securities reported to the last Convention—Journal 1879, page 58.

The accrued interest on all has been collected. Fifty Dollars of the principal has been collected on the note of SAMUEL EDWARDS, and this amount, with the addition of three dollars of the interest of the Fund, has been invested in the purchase of one Alabama Consolidated Bond, Class A, No. 8,681, for One Hundred Dollars.

The Treasurer has collected $823, and has paid out the same, as will appear by his report.

In accordance with the Resolutions of the last Convention—Journal 1879, pages 23 and 24—on the 24th of May, 1879, the Trustees accepted in full satisfaction of the debt due by the Vestry of St. John's Parish, Montgomery, a conveyance, with warranty, of the Hamner Hall Property, including the Bishop Cobbs Orphan Home. The debt amounted, at that time to the sum of $7,000—principal, $5,000 and accrued interest, $2,000. This conveyance was duly recorded in the Probate Office, of Montgomery county.

Under the power conferred on him at the last Convention—Journal, 1879, page 25—the following letter was written to the Trustees by the Bishop:

DIOCESE OF ALABAMA,
June 12, 1879.

To the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund of the Diocese of Alabama:

GENTLEMEN—The Convention of the Diocese of Alabama having provided that the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund shall make a lease of the Hamner Hall property to such persons as shall be approved by the Bishop and Rector of St. John's Church, Montgomery, and upon such terms as shall be indicated by the Bishop, I now, therefore, make known to the aforesaid Trustees, that the Rector of St. John's Church, Montgomery, and I, the Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama, approve of the Rev. GEO. M. EVERHART, D. D., as the person to whom such lease shall be made; and furthermore, I, the Bishop aforesaid, declare the terms of such lease to be as follows, viz: The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund shall lease to the Rev. GEO. M. EVERHART, D. D., the Hamner Hall property for a term of six years, at an annual rent of Five Hundred and Sixty Dollars, the rent for the first year to be remitted, and the rent for the second and third years to be expended by the Rev. Dr. EVERHART in such repairs and improvements upon the buildings of Hamner Hall as shall be agreed upon by the Bishop and himself.

RICHARD H. WILMER,
Bishop of Alabama.

As Rector of St. John's Church, Montgomery, I hereby approve of the proposed lease of Hamner Hall, to the Rev. G. M. EVERHART, D. D.
H. STRINGFELLOW.

A lease of the "Hamner Hall School property," not including the Bishop Cobbs Orphan Home, has been made, upon the terms above indicated, to Rev. GEO. M. EVERHART, D. D., for six years, commencing on June 30th, 1879, and ending on June 30th, 1885.—See resolution of Convention, Journal 1879, page 25.

The Trustees presume that the Bishop Cobbs Orphan Home has been insured, and has been kept in good order and condition by St. John's Parish, as required by the conditions of the contract for the purchase of the property.—Journal 1879, pages 23 and 24.

The undersigned ask that the action of the Trustees in making said lease to Rev. GEO. M. EVERHART, D. D., shall be approved by the Convention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. H. R. DAWSON,
JOSIAH MORRIS,
H. C. HART.

This Report was received and, on motion, the action of the Trustees as thus reported, was approved by the Convention.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Lease be placed in the hands of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, and a copy of the same be sent to the Registrar.

The following Report was presented and read:

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the proposed amendments to the existing Canons of the Diocese, beg leave to report: that they

have had the same under consideration, and in view of the importance of the subject, offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the proposed amendments be referred to the next Convention, and that the Secretary be directed to have 200 copies printed and sent to the Clergy for distribution to their Delegates.

(Signed) H. STRINGFELLOW, Chairman.

On motion, this Resolution was adopted.

Also, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese and the Articles of Association be printed under the same cover.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Convention shall go into a Committee of the Whole on the State of the Church, Saturday, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Committee on The State of the Church presented the following Report which, on motion, was received and concurred in:

Your Committee beg leave to report: That the Parochial Reports laid before them indicate a fair measure of prosperity in Parish work, and a condition of promise for the future; but they are well aware that Parochial Reports constitute the basis of merely an approximate estimate. The fact that there is a diminution in the number of persons confirmed, as compared with past years, your Committee are satisfied is the result of greater caution on the part of the Clergy, and greater care in the preparation of candidates. This, however, is not an altogether satisfactory explanation, and the small outcome for the year produces the painful impression that there is a want of realization on the part of the individual members of the Church, that each is charged with the salvation of souls, and is solemnly bound to use constant diligence to bring men to the confession of CHRIST.

A very noteworthy fact, to which your Committee desire to earnestly call your attention is, that while the Offerings of the people in the past year, for all purposes, mostly Parish purposes, have amounted to $43,661 00, only $1,369 45 of that amount has been given to the work of Missions in the Diocese, and eleven Parishes and Mission Stations have reported no Offering at all for Missions. A little over three per cent. of the Offerings, for Missions in the Diocese! $1,369.45, to be divided between the Missionaries! This must have familiarized them with fractional currency, and must have given the Bishop a problem to solve as painful as difficult. This means privation and self-denial extreme on the part of the Missionaries, and not a very large and lively interest in the Master's work on the part of the Communicants of the Church. Your Committee are credibly informed that all over the State there is a growing desire to hear the claims of the Church, and to have the Church, and that the great barrier to her success, is the want of men and money; the want of men to proclaim her blessed truths, because of the want

of money to provide them with the bare necessaries of living. The statement of the fact is its own argument, and should suggest a speedy remedy.

Your Committee regret that they are unable to report any organized method in the Diocese for raising money for its mission work, and they are inclined to fear, from the silence of the Deans of the several Convocations, that the Convocational System that was inaugurated for the purpose of developing and fostering missionary enterprise, has failed of its purpose and exists only between the covers of the Convention Journal. It is to your Committee a matter of deep regret that they have felt constrained to dwell at all upon a state of things not creditable to the Church, and not indicative of that largeness of spiritual life in CHRIST that we should strive to attain; but, with the evidences of Parish activity that are before them; with the well known character of a large number of the members of the Church in the Diocese, and with the unity and harmony and brotherly love that prevail both among the Clergy and the Laity, they feel assured that an honest statement of our failures will recommend itself as proper, and will, under GOD, arouse and stimulate the effort to make the Church in Alabama, in all departments of her work, true to the intention of her Divine Head.

(Signed) A. I. DRYSDALE, Chairman.

On motion, Mr. WM. BARNEWALL, of Mobile, was elected Treasurer of the Diocese of Alabama.

Mr. STEPHENS CROOM declining a re-election, Mr. JOSEPH W. FIELD, of Mobile, was, on motion, elected Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

On motion, Mr. JAMES BOND, of Mobile, was elected Registrar of the Diocese.

The Convention then balloted for Trustees and Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund, Rev. T. J. BEARD and Mr. D. F. MCCALL being appointed Tellers.

Mr. N. H. R. DAWSON, Mr. H. C. HART and Mr. JOSIAH MORRIS were elected. Mr. DAWSON was designated as Treasurer.

The Special Committee upon the Memorial to the General Convention presented the following as their Report:

To the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America:

The Memorial of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Alabama, in Convention assembled, respectfully invites the attention of the General Convention to the subject of the propriety of creating an Appellate Jurisdiction, to review the proceedings and findings of Diocesan Courts for the trial of Clergymen.

Your Memorialists beg to express their decided conviction that legislation necessary to create this Appellate Jurisdiction is demanded alike for the safety, honor and welfare of this Church, as well as the protection and guidance of its Clergy.

Your Memorialists deem it inexpedient to enter at large into the reasons for their decided conviction on this subject, believing that the grounds for this opinion are not deep-hidden, nor to be sought from afar; and, therefore, deem it sufficient to invite the attention of the General Convention to the subject, trusting that such action may be taken as will accomplish the purpose of this Memorial in such form as the General Convention, in its wisdom, may deem best.

On motion, this Report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that an engrossed copy of this Memorial, signed by the President and Secretary of this Convention, shall be presented to the General Convention.

The following was presented and read:

The members of the Convention have listened with interest and instruction to the Annual Address of the Bishop, in explanation of the duties and services performed by him during the past year, and also upon matters connected with the Church and Charitable Institutions under his supervision, all of which it is the sense of this Convention, have been discharged in a manner most satisfactory.

The long distance necessary to be travelled in a Diocese embracing the entire State, and the character of the duties to be performed by the Bishop, have been enough to tax the strength of one of fewer years and more vigorous health. We deem a period of relaxation and rest on his part necessary during the summer months.

Resolved, therefore, That we recommend, and earnestly urge the Bishop, to suspend his active duties as Bishop, from the month of June till the first of October next; and advise him to seek rest in some cooler climate, to the end that he may return to the full discharge of his active and useful duties with improved health and increased strength.

On motion, this Resolution was unanimously adopted.

On motion, the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund was instructed to insure the Hamner Hall property for $5,000, from funds in his possession.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 9½ o'clock A. M., Saturday.

FOURTH DAY.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, BIRMINGHAM,
May 1st, 1880.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and after prayers, was called to order by the President. The Roll was called, and a quorum found to be present.

The Rev. J. F. SMITH and Mr. ALONZO HILL appeared and took their seats in the Convention.

The following Report was presented and read, and, on motion, was received and concurred in.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Bishop's Address in regard to the lease of the Hamner Hall property to the Rev. Dr. EVERHART, beg leave to Report:

That it is with very great gratification that they learn of this disposition of this property. In their humble opinion, the investment of a portion of the Bishop's Fund in this property is the very best that could have been made for the future good of the Diocese, and this disposition of that property promises to pay, and we doubt not will pay far more to the Diocese of Alabama than double the interest of the money in dollars.

We ascertain that the Rev. Dr. EVERHART has commenced his School, with the most flattering prospects, and that it is a School which merits the entire support and confidence of the Diocese of Alabama, and of which it should be justly proud.

We therefore, recommend the following Resolution for adoption by the Convention:

Resolved, That this Convention hails with gladness the prospect held out to us in the School at Hamner Hall, conducted by the Rev. Dr. EVERHART, of an Institution where we may educate our daughters in our midst, under the influences of the Church, and we heartily recommend this School to the Church throughout the Diocese.

Signed, DEB. WADDELL, Chairman.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the next Annual Session of this Convention be held in the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, beginning on the Second Wednesday in May, 1881.

On motion, by a rising vote, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due, and are hereby returned to the Rector and Vestry of the Church of the Advent, Birmingham, for the comfortable provision they have made for its accommodation, and to the citizens of Birmingham for their kind hospitality.

Also, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby returned to the various Railroad Companies who have extended courtesies to the members of this Body,

On motion, the Order of the Day was postponed till 12 o'clock.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have printed 500 copies of the Journal.

On motion, the Treasurer of the Diocese was instructed to pay the Sexton of the Church of the Advent, Ten Dollars for services rendered to this Convention.

The following Report was presented and read:

The Special Committee to which was referred the Memorial of the University of the South, in reference to the Provincial System of the Church in the United States, have had the same under consideration, and have agreed upon the following Resolution, which they recommend to the Convention for adoption:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention, the consideration of this question is inexpedient at this time.

On motion, this Report was received, and the Resolution was adopted.

To this Special Committee was also referred a Resolution in reference to the expediency of a change in the relations of this Diocese to the University of the South; and also, that portion of the Bishop's Address referring to the University of the South. The Committee have considered the same, and report to the Convention the following Preamble and Resolution, and recommend their adoption:

WHEREAS, the Diocese was pledged to the payment of Five Hundred Dollars during the last year to the Theological Department of the University of the South, to be raised by voluntary contributions from the several Parishes pro rata; and,

WHEREAS, The amounts contributed for this purpose during the last year aggregated only $280, leaving a deficit of $220, which has been advanced by the Bishop of the Diocese; and,

WHEREAS, In view of these facts, it is evident that this Diocese is not prepared to respond to the call thus made upon it in behalf of the University; therefore, be it

Resolved, That its Representatives, in the next meeting of the Board of Trustees, be instructed to notify the Chancellor of the University of the

South that the pledge so given can be no longer continued; but that, while the Diocese can no longer pledge itself to the payment of any specific sum, voluntary contributions will be solicited in the several Parishes, and the sums collected promptly transmitted.

Signed, J. M. BANISTER, Chairman.

On motion, this Report was concurred in, and the Resolution adopted.

The following Report was received and read:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund, have examined and audited the same, and find that since the last Convention he has received from all sources the sum of $823.00

And that he has expended in the purchase of one Alabama Class A Bond, for one hundred dollars, and in the payment to the Treasurer of the Diocese, $770 interest collected, the same amount of..... 823.00

Leaving no balance on hand.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. M. NELSON, Chairman,

F. S. LYON, R. MIDDLETON,
J. H. FITTS, W. A. STICKNEY,
PETER M. DOX, STEPHEN U. SMITH,
H. C. HART, R. H. DUGGAR.

On motion, this Report was received and concurred in.

The following Report was presented and read, and on motion, was received and adopted:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the accounts of Mr. STEPHENS CROOM, as Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, have examined and audited the same, and find them correct; all the items thereof, both on the debit and credit sides, being sustained by proper vouchers.

Including the balance then on hand, he has received since the date of last Convention, the sum of..... $2,297.05

And has expended..... 2,057.85

Leaving in his hands a balance of..... $ 239.20

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. M. NELSON, Chairman.

F. S. LYON, R. MIDDLETON,
J. H. FITTS, W. A. STICKNEY,
P. M. DOX, H. C. HART,
R. H. DUGGAR, STEPHEN U. SMITH.

The following Report was presented and read:

The Committee on Finance have audited and examined the accounts of Mr. WILLIAM BARNEWALL, Treasurer of the Diocese, and find them cor-

rect in all respects; each item thereof being evidenced and sustained by proper vouchers. From all sources, including the balance on hand at the date of his last Report, the Treasurer has received the sum of..... $5,008.50
And has disbursed the sum of..... 4,958.26

Leaving a balance in his hands of..... $ 50.24

R. M. NELSON, Chairman,
F. S. LYON, R. MIDDLETON,
J. H. FITTS, W. A. STICKNEY,
P. M. DOX, H. C. HART,
R. H. DUGGAR, STEPHEN U. SMITH.

On motion, the Report was received and concurred in.

The Committee on Finance also submitted the following Report:

The following are the requirements for the year 1880-1:

Bishop's Salary, 1880-1	$4,000.00
Premium on Life Insurance Policy of Bishop	130.00
Printing Journal and Constitution	200.00
Expenses of Convention	15.00
For refunding amount advanced to University of the South by the Bishop	220.00
For Secretary of the Convention	100.00
For Treasurer of the Convention	50.00
For quota General Convention	81.00
Total requirements	$4,796.00

To raise this amount your Committee have made assessments upon the Parishes and Missionary Stations, as shown by the paper hereto attached, marked "Schedule A," and amounting to..... $3,960.00

Which added to the other funds at your disposal, viz:

Arrears 1879-80, (see "Schedule B," attached)	231.65
Balance of cash in hands of Treasurer	50.24
Interest from Bishop's Fund—submitted at	800.00
Gives a total of resources of	$5,041.89

The Committee again, and most urgently, urge upon the Parishes the desirability of conforming to the Resolutions of former Conventions asking quarterly remittances of the Diocesan Assessments, instead of waiting, as most do, until the assembling of the next Convention to discharge their obligations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. M. NELSON, Chairman.
F. S. LYON, H. C. HART,
J. H. FITTS, W. A. STICKNEY,
PETER M. DOX, R. MIDDLETON,
R. H. DUGGAR, STEPHEN U. SMITH.

April 30, 1880.

SCHEDULE A.

ASSESSMENTS, 1880.

St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill	$ 25 00
St. Michael's Church, Marengo County	50.00
St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene	25.00
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw	50.00
Grace Church, Portland	20.00
St. Paul's Church, Decatur	25.00
St. Paul's Church, Whistler	15.00
Church of the Advent, Birmingham	60.00
St. John's Church, Mobile	200.00
St. John's Church, Montgomery	650.00
St. James' Church, Livingston	50.00
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro	150.00
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro	30.00
St. James' Church, Eufaula	125.00
St. Peter's Church, Talladega	20.00
St. Thomas' Church, Greenville	40.00
St. Mary's Church, Evergreen	10.00
Trinity Church, Union Springs	10.00
St. Paul's Church, Selma	325.00
St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion	50.00
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	150.00
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville	30.00
Emanuel Church, Opelika	20.00
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville	25.00
St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville	10.00
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville	325.00
Trinity Church, Demopolis	120.00
St. Andrew's Church, Macon	45.00
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	60.00
Christ Church, Mobile	650.00
Trinity Church, Mobile	325.00
Athens Mission	20.00
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia	15.00
St. David's Church, Dallas County	10.00
Grace Church, Clayton	30.00
St. Mary's Church, Camden	10.00
Montevallo Mission	15.00
Grace Church, Morgan County	25.00
Anniston Mission	75.00
St. Mark's Church, Prattville	15.00
St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville	20.00
St. Alban's Church, Gainesville	10.00
Trinity Church, Florence	15.00
St. Luke's Church, Cahaba	10.00
Total	$3,960.00

SCHEDULE B.

PARISHES AND MISSIONS IN ARREARS, 1879-'80.

Anniston Mission	$ 50.00
Emanuel Church, Opelika	25.00
Grace Church, Clayton	30.00
Grace Church, Portland	20.00
St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville	10.00
St. Alban's Church, Gainesville	10.00
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville	25.00
St. Mark's Church, Prattville	15.00
St. Mary's Church, Evergreen	10.00
St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville	20.00
St. Mary's Church, Camden	10.00
Trinity Church, Florence	6.65
Total	$231.65

On motion, this Report was received and concurred in.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be instructed to pay to the Bishop, the sum of $220.00 advanced by him to the Theological Department of the University of the South, and that said payment be made from the first money received into the Treasury.

Col. SLOSS having extended to the Convention an invitation to visit Oxmoor, the Secretary was instructed to thank him for his courtesy.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourns, it shall adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock this evening, for the purpose of hearing the Minutes read.

The Convention then went into a Committee of the Whole on the State of the Church.

After an interesting discussion, this Committee rose, and the Convention resumed its session.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 9 o'clock P. M.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, BIRMINGHAM,
May 1st, 1880—9 o'clock P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The Roll was called and a quorum found to be present. The Minutes of the Morning's Proceedings were read and approved.

On motion, the Treasurer of the Diocese was instructed to pay the Secretary the sum of One Hundred Dollars, and to pay himself the sum of Fifty Dollars.

On motion, the Registrar was authorized to procure a book suitable for his purpose, and send the bill for same to the Treasurer of the Diocese.

On motion, the Bishop of the Diocese was requested to appoint in each Parish an Assistant Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

On motion, the Convention adjourned *sine die.*

RICH'D H. WILMER,
Bishop of Alabama.

Attest:
R. H. COBBS, Secretary.

APPENDIX A.

Bishop Wilmer's Address

TO THE

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA, 1880.

Dear Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

1879.—May 14th.—On this day I met the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro. After the opening Sermon by the Rev. DeB. WADDELL, I celebrated Holy Communion.

The same day, at Evening Service, after a Sermon by the Rev. J. R. WINCHESTER, I confirmed 5 persons. I spent the remainder of the week in attendance upon the sessions of the Convention; participating also in the religious services, and especially in the early morning celebrations of the Holy Communion. These services were unusually well attended and were most refreshing.

May 18th—(5th Sunday after Easter.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Greensboro, and made Deacon JAMES D. PORTER; celebrating, also, Holy Communion. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Dr. TICKNOR, who, together with the Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, gave the required certificate of proficiency. The Standing Committee had previously given their official consent to Mr. PORTER's Ordination within the year from the date of his candidateship.

At the Evening Service in same Church, after a Sermon by the Rev. Mr. DRYSDALE, I made an address to the Clergy and Laity present, and brought to a close the labors of the Convention. At same service, confirmed 3 persons.

May 19th.—Preached at St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion; confirmed 3 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

May 26th.—I sentenced to suspension from the Ministry for three years, Rev. CHAS. P. DORSET. This sentence was pronounced in consequence of certain admissions (in answer to charges) made by Mr. DORSET, and received the unanimous approval of the Clerical members of the Standing Committee.

May 30th.—Celebrated Holy Communion at early Morning Service, at St. James' Church, Livingston; preached also at Mid-day Service, and in the Evening preached again, and confirmed 4 persons.

May 31st.—In same Church, at Early Morning Service, celebrated Holy Communion and made an address to the Congregation.

The Rev. Mr. HALL, Deacon, officiates at this Church. With very little means and at an inconsiderable cost, he has made a most attractive Church.

June 1st—(Whit-Sunday.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Fork of Greene County; confirmed 1 person and celebrated Holy Communion.

In the Evening of same day, I preached at Forkland in the same county; baptized 2 adults, and confirmed 9 persons.

June 2d.—Confirmed 1 person near Forkland. Since my visit to Forkland a Church has been erected there—old "St. John's in the Prairies" having been removed to that point.

June 4th.—Preached at Gainesville, and confirmed 1 person.

June 5th.—At early Morning Service, celebrated, in same Church, Holy Communion, and made an address to the congregation. Since my last visitation, a very neat and commodious Church has been built at this place, under the supervision of the Rev. A. K. HALL.

On the Evening of same day, I preached at St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, and confirmed 7 persons.

June 6th.—Preached again at same Church, and celebrated Holy Communion. Since my last visitation, the Church has been much improved by the addition of a tower.

June 9th.—Officiated at a funeral in Mobile.

June 15th—(1st Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached and celebrated Holy Communion in Trinity Church, Mobile.

June 29th—(3d Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile.

July 6th—(4th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile, and confirmed 1 person.

July 13th—(5th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

July 20th—(6th Sunday after Trinity.)—Officiated at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

July 22d.—At Trinity Church, Mobile, made Deacon SAMUEL M. WIGGINS, of the Diocese of Louisiana; Sermon by the Rev. A. I. DRYSDALE; candidate presented by the Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D. Holy Communion also celebrated. This ordination was held at the request of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Louisiana.

August 3d—(8th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached and celebrated Holy Communion at St. Matthias' Church, Waukesha.

August 10th—(9th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee.

August 24th—(11th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached and celebrated Holy Communion at Ashland, Wisconsin.

September 7th—(13th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached and celebrated Holy Communion, at St. James' Church, Chicago.

September 14th--(14th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at Trinity Church, Chicago.

September 17th.—I officiated as Consecrating Bishop at St. Paul's Church, Detroit, upon the occasion of the Consecration of the Rev. Dr. SAMUEL S. HARRIS to the Episcopate of the Diocese of Michigan.

This was an occasion of peculiar interest to me. I had confirmed Dr. HARRIS in his early manhood, I had made him Deacon, and Ordered him Priest. For the fourth time, I was called upon to lay my hands upon him. We wish GOD speed to this, our brother, the first native born Alabamian consecrated to the Episcopate.

It was in striking attestation of the Catholicity of this Church—of her elevation above all sectional and geographical questions—that I, a Bishop of one of the Gulf States, should be called upon to Consecrate to the Episcopate of a State bordering upon the Lakes, a man born under a Southern sky. Under all the circumstances of the case it is a most notable and suggestive fact.

On the Evening of the same day, I preached at St. John's Church, Detroit.

September 21st—(15th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, Va.; and in the Evening at Christ Church, in the same city.

October 12th—(18th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile; assisting in services at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, in the Afternoon of same day.

October 18th—(St. Luke's Day.)—At St. John's Church, Mobile, after an address by the Rev. A. I. DRYSDALE, set apart Miss SARAH CHAPMAN as Deaconess, and celebrated Holy Communion.

October 19th—(19th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile, and confirmed 1 person.

October 23d.—Preached, Morning and Evening, at St. Peter's Church, Talladega; at the latter Service confirming 3 persons.

October 24th.—Preached at St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.

October 25th.—Preached at same Church; confirmed 3 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

October 26th—(20th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at Anniston, Morning and Evening; confirmed 1 person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

October 27th.—I visited Hamner Hall, and was much gratified to find that this Institution was again open; and that, under the supervision of the Rev. Dr. EVERHART, there was every prospect of a flourishing school. This property is now once more the property of the Diocese, and it is for the Diocese to say whether it shall fulfil the purposes for which it was constructed.

October 29th.—Preached at the Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

October 30th.—Preached again at same Church; confirmed 3 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

October 31st.—Preached at St. Michael's Church, Marengo County; confirmed 2 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

November 1st—(All Saints' Day.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Greensboro, and celebrated Holy Communion.

November 2d—(21st Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached, Morning and Evening, at same Church, and confirmed 3 person; giving 11 as the number confirmed in this Church since last report.

November 4th.—Preached at St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion, and confirmed 2 persons; 5 confirmed in this Church since last report.

November 7th.—At Trinity Church, Demopolis, I joined together in Holy Matrimony Rev. ROBERT W. BARNWELL and MARGARET C. BLAIR.

November 8th.—Participated in the Funeral Services at the burial of Mr. EMANUEL JONES. I felt it to be a sacred privilege to be permitted to take part in the solemnities on this occasion. Mr. JONES had been a long and faithful friend. More than this, he was a true and consistent member of the Church. In more prosperous times he had been one of the most generous supporters of every interest connected with the Church. His house was ever the home of the Clergy, and they found in him a sage counsellor and sympathizing friend. He was one of the three men, who contributed most largely, both of money and labor, to the building of St. John's Church, Mobile. To the day of his death he continued faithful to every duty; adorning the doctrine of GOD his SAVIOUR in all things. Such are the men, who quietly and unobtrusively finish their course with faithfulness and honor. Their life ends not with death, for their works do follow them.

November 9th—(22d Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile.

This was the last time I met the Rev. Dr. MASSEY, late Rector of this Church, in the services of the Sanctuary. Trinity Church is mainly his own work. To the building of this Church and the gathering together of its Congregation, he devoted the best of his powers and the prime of his life. The members of his Congregation, and the citizens generally of Mobile, can hardly compute the amount of ministerial care which he has devoted to them for more than thirty years of pastoral labor.

November 16th—(23d Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at Union Springs and confirmed 3 persons; at Evening Service preached again and confirmed 2 persons.

November 17th.—Preached at same place; confirmed 1 person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

The prospects for building up the Church at this point seemed to be brighter than ever before.

November 18th.—At Troy, Pike County, I consecrated St. Mark's Church, preaching the Consecration Sermon. At Evening Service, after a Sermon by the Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, I made an address, and confirmed 2 persons.

This building is by far the best building that I have ever seen for the cost.

November 20th.—Preached, Morning and Evening, at Grace Church, Clayton; confirming at the latter service, 6 persons.

November 23d—(Sunday before Advent.)—Preached, Morning and Evening, at St. James' Church, Eufaula; confirming 2 persons.

November 30th—(Advent Sunday.)—Officiated at a Funeral Service in Citronelle, and made an address to the Congregation.

December 7th—(2d Sunday in Advent.)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile.

December 14th—(3d Sunday in Advent.)—Preached, Morning and Evening, at Christ Church, Tuskaloosa; confirming 8 persons, and celebrating Holy Communion.

December 21st—(4th Sunday in Advent.)—Participated in services at Trinity Church, Mobile.

December 25th—(Christmas Day.)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion.

1880.—January 4th—(2d Sunday after Christmas.)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion.

January 6th—(Epiphany.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile, and participated in celebration of Holy Communion; the Missionary Bishop of Arkansas celebrating.

January 11th—(1st Sunday after Epiphany.)—Officiated at Trinity Church, Mobile.

January 12th.—At Christ Church, Mobile, in the presence of Rev. Messrs. BEARD and DRYSDALE, I deposed from the Ministry, F. W. DAMUS.

January 18th—(2d Sunday after Epiphany.)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion.

January 25th—(Septuagesima Sunday.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile.

February 1st—(Sexagesima Sunday.)—Preached and celebrated Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church, Whistler.

February 5th.—Participated in the consecration of Rev. JOHN N. GALLEHER to the Episcopate of the Diocese of Louisiana. By appointment of the Presiding Bishop I was one of the Presenters.

February 8th—(Quinquagesima Sunday.)—Participated in Divine Service at Trinity Church, Mobile, and, after a Sermon by the newly elected Rector, I made an address to the congregation.

February 10th.—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.

February 11th—(Ash Wednesday.)—Preached in same Church; confirmed 3 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

February 12th.—Preached at Grace Church, Dallas County.

February 13.—Preached again in same Church; confirmed 2 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

February 15th—(1st Sunday in Lent.)—Preached, Morning and Evening, in St. Paul's Church, Selma, and confirmed 2 persons.

February 22d—(2d Sunday in Lent.)—Preached, Morning and Evening, at St. Thomas' Church, Greenville; confirmed 9 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

February 23d.—Met the Convocation of Montgomery and preached at St. John's Church.

I also made an address to the Hamner Hall School, during this visit to Montgomery.

February 24th.—Preached and celebrated Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro.

February 25th.—Preached at St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville; confirmed 1 person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

February 26th.—Preached at Benton and celebrated Holy Communion. A Church is being built at this place, and will soon be ready for Consecration.

February 27th.—Preached at Tallassee. There have been no Services at this place for some years, and the little flock has been scattered.

February 28th.—At Early Morning Service in same place, I baptized 2 infants, and celebrated Holy Communion.

February 29th—(3d Sunday in Lent.)—Preached, Morning and Afternoon, at Opelika, and celebrated Holy Communion.

March 1st.—Made an address to the congregation of St. John's Church, Montgomery, at Afternoon Service.

March 7th—(4th Sunday in Lent.)—Held Service at Spring Hill.

March 10th.—Preached, Morning and Evening, at St. John's Church, Tuscumbia; confirmed 1 person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

March 11th.—Preached, Morning and Evening, at Trinity Church, Florence; confirmed 2 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

March 14th—(5th Sunday in Lent.)—Preached at Church of "The Nativity," Huntsville.

March 15th.—Preached again at same Church.

March 16th.—Preached at the new Church in Scottsboro, and confirmed 2 persons.

March 17th.—Preached at Church of The Nativity, Huntsville, and confirmed 7 persons.

In the Evening of same day, I preached at St. Paul's Church, Decatur, and baptized an adult.

March 18th.—Preached at Athens.

March 19th.—Preached again; baptized an adult, confirmed 4 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

The building of a new Church has commenced at this place.

March 20th.—Preached again at St. Paul's Church, Decatur; baptized 2 adults, confirmed 2, and celebrated Holy Communion.

In the Evening of same day, I preached at the Mountain Spring High School, Morgan county.

March 21st—(Sunday before Easter.)—Preached at same place, baptized an adult, confirmed five persons and celebrated Holy Communion. I also baptized an infant.

March 26th—(Good Friday.)—Held Service at Spring Hill.

March 27th—(Easter Even.)—Preached at Trinity Church, Demopolis.

March 28th—(Easter Day.)—Preached again at Trinity Church, Demopolis, confirmed 2 persons and celebrated Holy Communion. In the Afternoon held service for the Colored people; Rev. Mr. STICKNEY making an address to the Congregation.

March 30th.—Preached, Morning and Evening, at Forkland, Fork of Greene, baptized an adult, confirmed 5 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

I here report to the Convention that the Church building of "St. John's in the Prairies," Hale county, having been for a long time disused and going to ruin, has been moved to Forkland, and is now restored to its original condition. It is one of the neatest country Churches in the Diocese. It will

soon be prepared for Consecration; retaining its original name of St. John The Rev. A. KINNEY HALL, of Livingston, gives a Sunday in each mon to Forkland. He has contributed very largely by his skill and taste to t rehabilitation of St. John's.

April 4th—(1st Sunday after Easter.)—Preached at Christ Church, M bile, confirming 16 persons, and celebrating Holy Communion. The childr of this Congregation devoted their Easter offerings—the fruits of their Le ten work—to the Mission Fund of the Diocese. The Offering amounted $397.25. I need not say how gratefully I appreciated their work and lab of love.

April 11th—(2d Sunday after Easter.)—Held annual visitation at St. John Church, Mobile, and, after a Sermon by the Rector, confirmed 26 persor and celebrated Holy Communion. After Service, I confirmed a sick pers in private; candidate presented by the Rector of St. John's Church.

April 15th.—Confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented l the Rector of St. John's Church. Thirty persons presented for Confirm tion by the Rector of St. John's Church, Mobile, since last report.

April 18th—(3d Sunday after Easter.)—At Trinity Church, Mobile, after Sermon by the Rector, I confirmed 17 persons, and celebrated Holy Con munion.

April 25th—(4th Sunday after Easter.)—Preached at St. John's Churc Montgomery, at Morning Service, and at Evening Service, after an addre by the Rector, I confirmed 17 persons.

April 26th.—Confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented b the Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW.

SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL ACTS DURING THE PAST YEAR.

Baptisms—Infants 3; Adults 8 ..... Total,	11
Marriages	1
Funerals	3
Confirmations	203
Communions Celebrated	56
Postulants	1
Deacons Ordained	2
Deaconesses Instituted	1
Churches Consecrated	1
Lay Readers Licensed	1

GENERAL SUMMARY OF REPORTS TO THE CONVENTION

FOR 1878; 1879; 1880.

	1878.	1879.	1880.	TOTAL
Churches Consecrated	2	2	1	5
Deacons Ordained	1	1	2	4
Priests Ordained	1	1	—	2
Lay Readers Licensed	8	8	1	17
Baptisms	31	12	11	54
Marriages	3	3	1	7
Funerals	1	4	3	8
Confirmations	271	207	203	681
Deaconesses set apart	1	—	1	2

ACTS OF DISCIPLINE.

Rev. CHAS. P. DORSET has been suspended from all the functions of the Ministry for three years, dating from May 1st, 1879; that sentence of suspension to terminate May 1st, 1882; provided satisfactory testimony be then furnished to the Bishop and Clerical Members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Alabama that the said CHAS. P. DORSET has, during his three years of suspension, lived "*piously, soberly and honestly.*"

F. W. DAMUS has been, as above reported, deposed from the Ministry. I reported my action in this case to the Ecclesistical Authorities of the several Dioceses of this Church in the following words:

"It is made my duty to notify you that whereas, the Rev. F. W. DAMUS, "Presbyter of the Diocese of Alabama, has declared to me in writing his re-"nunciation of the Ministry; therefore I, * * * have deposed "from the Ministry the said F. W. DAMUS; he being subject to a morbid "physical condition which has incited him to wrong doing, and which condi-"tion is liable at any time to recur; thus unfitting him for the exercise of the "Ministry, rendering imperative his resignation of the same, and consequent-"ly, his deposition therefrom."

OFFICIAL NOTICES RECEIVED.

Notices of deposition of—

A. J. FAUST, (Deacon).....by Bishop of Maryland.
JAMES CHRYSTAL .....by Bishop of Maryland.
GEO. W. BROWN .....by Bishop of New Hampshire.
SAM'L W. SETON.....by Missionary Bishop of Cape Palmas.
GEO. W. BENJAMIN ....by Bishop of Long Island.
CHARLES E. FITZ, (Deacon) .....by Bishop of Maine.
SIMON K. BOYER.....by Bishop of Central Pennsylvania.

Also, by the Assistant Bishop of Kentucky, that the name of ALLEN L. McDONALD had been dropped from the list of candidates.

OFFICIAL CONSENTS GIVEN.

To the consecration of Rev. Drs. STARKEY, SAM'L S. HARRIS and JOHN N. GALLEHER to the Episcopates of Northern New Jersey, Michigan and Louisiana, respectively.

CLERICAL CHANGES.

I have transferred Rev. FRANK HALLAM to the Diocese of New Jersey; Rev. FRANK B. GILBERT to the Diocese of Florida; Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., to the Diocese of Western New York; Rev. J. R. WINCHESTER to the Diocese of Virginia.

I have received into the Diocese the Rev. GEO. M. EVERHART, D. D., from Diocese of Wisconsin; Rev. JOHN B. GRAY, from Diocese of California; Rev. JAMES S. JOHNSTON, from Diocese of Kentucky.

CLERICAL CHANGES WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Rev. ROBERT W. BARNWELL has resigned the charge of Trinity Church, Demopolis, and is now Rector of St. Paul's Church, Selma.

Rev. Dr. EVERHART is Rector of Hamner Hall, Montgomery, and officiates, as opportunity offers, in the vicinity of Montgomery.

Rev. JOHN B. GRAY is Rector of Church of the Advent, Birmingham.

Rev. JAMES S. JOHNSTON is Rector of Trinity Church, Mobile.

Rev. ASA J. ROBERTS, Deacon, officiates at Bon Secour, and sundry other points along the coast.

Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, D. D., has taken charge of the Mission Station at Tallassee, in connection with the Rectorship of Emmanuel Church, Opelika.

Rev. A. KINNEY HALL, Deacon, has been withdrawn from duty at Gainesville, and has been assigned to Forkland, in connection with his charge at Livingston.

CHURCH PROPERTY.

HAMNER HALL, MONTGOMERY.

In accordance with the Resolution of the last Convention in regard to this property, I entered into the following agreement with the Rev. GEO. M. EVERHART, D. D., viz: that "The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund shall lease to "him the said property for a term of six years, at an annual rent of $560; "the rent of the first year to be remitted, and that for the second and third "years to be expended by Dr. EVERHART in such improvements upon the "building as shall be agreed upon between him and myself."

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, MOBILE.

When I first came to the Diocese, there was a congregation of colored people worshipping in a small frame building in Mobile. It was a regularly organized congregation, and under the charge of the Rev. Dr. MASSEY. Little, by little, under the operation of the same causes which have almost everywhere alienated the colored people from the Church, the congregation melted away, and the building, of little value, was finally sold. The time has come for us to revive this work. We could not do it earlier without contributing to a spirit of self-assertion on the part of the congregation, which misconstrued every effort for their spiritual good. Time is gradually working its wonderful influence, and these people are finding out that their old friends are their true and enduring friends.

I have to report that the Rev. Dr. MASSEY, before leaving the Diocese, placed in my hands, as Bishop, the sum of $815.35, belonging to Church of the Good Shepherd. This amount is deposited in Bank, and is yielding an interest of 6 per cent. It will be preserved as the nucleus of a fund for building a Church for the colored people of Mobile.

CHURCH HOME FUND.

I report amount of Fund in hand April 7th, 1880	$12,089.73
I reported amount of Fund in hand May 1, 1879	9,798.40
Showing an increase since last Report of	$ 2,291.33

CONDITION OF ASSETS.

$3,000 Mobile County Bonds, 8%	Cost	$ 2,850.00
$3,000 Mobile County Bonds, 8%	"	3,150.00
$2,000 State Bonds (B) 5%	"	1,450.00
$2,000 State Bonds (A) 2%	"	1,050.00
$1,000 State Bonds (A) 2%	"	490.00
Loaned out at 8% on short call, and well secured		1,665.00
Amount in Bank of Mobile for use		1,434.73
Amount reported April 7, 1880		$12,089.73

The State Bonds have appreciated since they were bought, and will gradually increase in value as the rate of interest increases.

We have now in the Church Home for Girls 46 Orphan Children, with four Sisters, two Probationers and an associate to care for them.

In the Church Home for Boys we have 11 Orphan Children, with two Sisters and one assistant to care for them. We hire no servants and pay no salaries. Having food and raiment, all are therewith content. So generous are the people of Mobile, that the support of the two Homes is maintained, and generously maintained, at comparatively small cost. With two households, consisting unitedly of sixty-seven souls, we are able to live generously, insure the property and keep it in good repair; at the same time accumulating a fund, either for self-sustainment or future enlargement, as the financial adversity or prosperity of the city may hereafter suggest. Hitherto, GOD has blessed us above what we were able to ask—or even think. May His Blessing ever rest upon the Church Homes for the Orphan.

THE GIBSON PROPERTY.

Since my last report I have received from the estate of the late JAMES D. GIBSON, $260. In accordance with the will of Mr. GIBSON, which left his estate to the Church Home, and the laws of the State of Alabama, which gives one-half to the widow, I have paid one half of the above-mentioned sum to Mrs. GIBSON, and the other half into the Church Home.

THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

Through the liberality of Gen. W. P. BOCOCK and Mr. ALFRED L. TYLER, who each contributed $50 towards paying the assessment, I was enabled to discharge the obligations of the Diocese for the year ending August 1, 1879.

For the current year ending August 1, 1880, I have to report as follows, viz:

From St. Paul's Church, Greensboro	$40.00	
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville	45.00	
St. Michael's Church, Marengo County	11.55	
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	20.00	
Christ Church, Mobile	31.40	
Trinity Church, Demopolis	20.00	
Rev. J. F. Smith's Mission	13.00	
St. John's Church, Mobile	24.00	
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	5.20—	$210.15

Amount brought forward		$210.15
Amounts received by Dr. DuBose from Parishes, and reported to me, as follows, viz:		
From Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	$10.00	
St. Paul's Church, Selma	25.00	
St. David's Church, Dallas County	6.00—	41.00
Amounts received by Dr. DuBose from F. B. Clark, Treasurer of University for Alabama, and reported to me, as follows, viz:		
From St. David's Church, Dallas County	$ 4.05	
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville	10 00—	14.05
Amounts received by Wm. Barnewall, Treasurer of the Diocese, and paid to me, as follows, viz:		
From St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw	$11.00	
St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene	4.10—	15.10
Making a total of		$280.30

The following is a copy of a receipt, dated April 18, 1880:

"Received of the Diocese of Alabama, for Theological Department of the "University of the South, for year ending August 1, 1880:

"From Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, ... $459.00

"From several Parishes direct ..... 41.00—$500.00

"Sewanee, Tenn., W. P. DuBOSE,

"April 18, 1880. Treas. Theol. Dept."

It will appear by the foregoing statement that the measures adopted by the last Annual Convention, for meeting the assessment upon the Diocese for the support of the Theological Department of the University of the South have been only partially carried out. I found it necessary, in order to meet the needs of the University, to make advances, and therefore it was that I requested the contributors to send the funds to me instead of to the Treasurer of the University for Alabama. Hereafter all funds—even those sent by myself—shall pass through the hands of the Treasurer, Mr. F. B. Clark, of Mobile.

So long as the Diocese of Alabama continues to send its Trustees to legislate for the University of the South, so long, in my judgment, is the Diocese bound to discharge, to the extent of its ability, every obligation created by the action of the Board of Trustees.

STATE OF THINGS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

I know no limit to possible Church extension in Alabama, save that which is imposed by the scarcity of Clergymen and the difficulty of supporting them. And I frankly confess that I see no way to obviate the difficulty. Judging from my past experience, and I have no other light to guide me, the probability is, that for some time to come, we shall hardly do more than hold our ground. Alabama is, for the most part, an agricultural country, and my decided conviction is that the agricultural interests of the State on the whole are not improving. We have a genial climate, and a kind soil, but there is a

mournful lack of skilled labor. Lands, once tilled by a successful husbandry, are thrown out, and there is no adequate labor to open up the virgin soil.

The time will come when the channels of Western migration will overflow their banks, and the wave of population will flow Southward. But it will not be in my day. I look up, and pray the Lord of the Harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest. The laborers come not. They throng every other profession. The ranks of the medical and legal professions are crowded. They need no beneficiary system; no societies for the increase of doctors and lawyers. Men in earnest need no such appliances. And my deep and ever growing conviction is that the Church needs them not. We want men who are constrained by the love of CHRIST, and of the souls redeemed by CHRIST. Such men will overcome all obstacles and hindrances, and gain strength and wisdom by the effort.

But alas! the trouble is that the love of gain, the root of all evil, absorbs the hearts and minds of our men. That is the great practical evil of the day and of all days.

What the Church has to dread to-day, and has ever had to dread—is not Ritualism, nor Rationalism. These beguile the few. It is *Mammonism!* Mammonism, which blinds the minds of them that believe not, and dazzles the minds of them that believe, and thus the light of the glorious Gospel, and the glory of heralding its tidings, is hidden from the souls of our people.

Oh! for a glorious Revival of pure and undefiled religion. Oh! for the living word from the Lord of the Harvest! Lord, unto whom but Thee shall we go? Thou only hast the words of Eternal Life.

Yours, faithfully,

RICH'D H. WILMER,
Bishop of Alabama.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., April 28, 1880.

APPENDIX B.

Parochial Reports.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE—Rev. Alex. I. Drysdale, Rector.

April 27th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 317; died, 2; removed, 2 ..... Present No.		337
Sunday School—Teachers, 14; scholars, 137 ..... Total		151
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 42; private, 8 ..... Total		50
Baptisms		14
Confirmations		16
Marriages		12
Funerals		11
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$ 3,600.00	
Convention Fund	650.00	
Current Expenses	2,078.78—	$ 6,328.78
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	$ 332.70	
Rectory and Furniture	6,351.00—	6,683.70
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Church Home	$ 1,349.40	
Diocesan Missions	506.10—	1,855.50
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	$ 38.75	
Bishop Pierce, for Cathedral	33.00	
University of the South	31.40—	103.15
Other Contributions for Church Purposes		240.00
Total Expenditures		$ 15,211.13

Remarks.—The Parish is under obligations to Mr. Henry A. Schroeder for the gift of a commodious Rectory, beautifully furnished. For many years a Warden of the Parish and devoted to its welfare, Mr. Schroeder has always been foremost in deeds of beneficence and charity, and the Rector gladly takes this occasion to place on record his gratitude for the warm sympathy and ready help he has invariably extended to him in his work and the many acts of personal kindness he has experienced at his hands.

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA—Rev. Geo. H. Hunt, Rector.

April 28th, 1880.

Baptisms	20
Confirmations—1; persons confirmed	8
Marriages	2
Burials	4

Communicants—Reported in 1879	165	
Since lost—by death, 2; by removals, 16	18—	147
Added—by first Communion	9	
by removals into Parish	10—	19
Present number		166
Sunday School—Teachers, 11; pupils, 73	Total..	84
Celebrations of Holy Communion (in private, 1)		15
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Collections—Weekly Offertory		$1,507.58
Offerings of Sunday School		51.71
Offerings on special occasions		71.65
By subscription list		54.00
Otherwise		347.15
Total Collections		$2,032.09
Appropriations—To Rector's Salary		1,250.00
To Convention Assessments		150.00
To Diocesan Missions		52.70
To Missions to the Jews		18.95
To the Sunday School		44.45
To the Poor		20.85
To Incidental Expenses		93.14
To Interest on Indebtedness		106.66
To Repairs on Church and Rectory		212.88
To Theological Dep't University of the South		30.00
Total Appropriations		$1,979.63

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO.

Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D., Rector.

April 26th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 129; died 3; removed 10		Present No..	122
Sunday School—Teachers 5; scholars 40		Total..	45
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 19; private, 3		Total..	22
Baptisms			17
Confirmations			11
Marriages			7
Funerals			10
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$982.35		
Convention Fund	150.00		
Current Expenses	26.05		
Repairs	130.65—	$1,289.05	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms	66.50		
Memorial Windows	174.65—	241.15	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions		87.70	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions	$ 16.80		
Foreign Missions	16.80		
University of the South	40.00—	73.60	
Total Expenditures		$1,691.50	

Remarks.—Of the amounts mentioned above, $173.00 were contributed by the Children of the Parish at the Easter Festival.

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS.

April 28th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 79; died, 2; added—white 2; colored 5; Present number			84
Sunday School—Teachers, white 6, colored 7; Scholars, white 60, colored, 93		Total..	66
Baptisms			9
Confirmations			2
Marriages—white, 1; colored, 2			3
Funerals			3
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$675.00		
Current Expenses	60.25—	$735.	5
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
To Rectory Fund		493.	2
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
*Diocesan Missions		58.0	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
University of the South		17.5	
Total Expenditures		$ 1,304.1	

* As partly reported. F. S. LYON, Senior Warden.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LIVINGSTON,

Rev. A. KINNEY HALL, Officiating.

April 26th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 37; removed 2		Present No..	39
Baptized Persons not Communicants			20
Total Parishioners			59
Sunday School—Teachers, 4; scholars, 23		Total..	27
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			5
Baptisms—Adults, 1; infants, 3		Total..	4
Confirmations			4
Funerals			6
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$453.40		
Convention Fund	50.00		
Current Expenses	34.10		
Repairs	$25.00..		
Rent of House	52.00—	$ 589.50	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		3.15	
Total Expenditures		$592.65	

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.

Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D., Rector.

April 28th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 460; died, 3; removed, 15	Present No..	478
Sunday School—Teachers, 31; scholars, 180	Total..	211
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 28; private, 6	Total..	34
Baptisms		32
Confirmations		17
Marriages		7
Funerals		10
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		11

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$3,500.00	
Convention Fund	650.00	
Current Expenses	1,480.00—	$5,630.00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	320.00	
Sunday School Offering	650.00—	970.00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		277.70
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Increase of the Ministry	50.00	
Society for conversion of the Jews	14.00—	64.00
Other Contributions for Church Purposes		200.00
Total Expenditures		$7,141.70

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, MARION.

Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D., Rector.

April 26th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 49	Present No.	57
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 25	Total	31
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 12; private, 1	Total	13
Baptisms		7
Confirmations		5
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$124.80	
Convention Fund	50.00	
Repairs	68.00—	
Total Expenditures		$242.80

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA—Rev. R. W. Barnwell, Rector.

April 28th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 216; died, 1	Present Number	215
Sunday School—Teachers, 11; scholars, 103	Total	114
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 8; private, 2	Total	10
Confirmations		2
Marriages		3
Funerals		5
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$500.00	
Convention Fund	325.00	
Repairs	300.00—	$1,125.00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
"The Earnest Workers" purchased for the Church a suitable Altar		125.00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		95.00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South		25.00
Other Contributions for Church Purposes		1,513.51
Total Expenditures		$2,883.51

Remarks.—Mr. W. F. Morgan, of New York City, has erected in the Church a very rich and beautiful stained glass, double window, made by Cortier, of London, to the memory of his father and mother, former Communicants of the Parish.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE.

Rev. F. B. Lee, Rector.

April 28th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 60		Present No.	64
Baptized Persons not Communicants			58
Total Parishioners			122
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 40		Total	46
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			12
Baptisms			4
Confirmations			3
Marriages			1
Funerals			2
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$239.80		
Convention Fund	30.00—	$269.80	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions		40.00	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions	$ 5.00		
University of the South	10.00	15.00	
Total Expenditures		$324.80	

Remarks.—My connection with St. Mary's, Camden, terminated with the beginning of the year. I have organized a new Mission at Collirene, Lowndes County.

TRINITY CHURCH, FLORENCE—Rev. B. F. Mower, in charge.

April 26th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 39		Present No.	45
Baptized Persons not Communicants			40
Total Parishioners			85
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 35		Total	41
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 13; private, 1		Total	14
Baptisms—Infant			1
Confirmations			2
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector—(promised, $250.00) paid	$160.00		
Convention Fund	13.60		
Current Expenses	24.90—	$198 50	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms	12.10		
Tuning Organ	2.00		
Easter and Lenten Offerings of Church and Sunday School for debt upon Rectory	23.15—	37.25	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions		8.90	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions	4.00		
Foreign Missions	5.00—	9.00	
Contributions for Rectory		182.00	
Total Expenditures		$435.65	

Remarks.—A Rectory has been bought and paid for, excepting $75.00 still due on the property. The work of procuring means for this purchase fell upon a few earnest and zealous members of the Church.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TUSCUMBIA—Rev. B. F. MOWER, in charge.
April 26th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 34; died, 1		Present No.	34
Sunday School—Teachers, 4; scholars, 33		Total	37
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			14
Baptisms—Infants, 1; adults, 1		Total	2
Confirmations			1
Funerals			2
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector—(promised, $250.00) paid	$163 00		
Convention Fund	15.00		
Current Expenses	21.05		
For Memorial Window—the Sunday School, Lenten and Easter Offerings	28.00		
Easter Offering of Congregation for Organ	55.00—	$282.05	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		18.85	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions		2.20	
Total Expenditures		$303 10	

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE,
Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., Rector.
April 28th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 255; died, 7; removed, 4			
Sunday School—Teachers, 17; scholars, about 174		Total	191
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 13; private, 2		Total	15
Baptisms			17
Confirmations			9
Marriages			9
Funerals			14
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$1,800.00		
Convention Fund	350.00		
Current Expenses	206.00		
Repairs	100.00—	$2,456.00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms	97.85		
Offerings for special purpose, Easter day	85.05		
Children's Offering at Easter Festival	428 00—	610.90	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions	33.00		
Orphans of Memphis in this Parish	93.25—	126.25	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions	10.50		
Foreign Missions	10.50		
University of the South	45.00—	66.00	
Total Expenditures		$3,259.15	

REMARKS.—Of the Confirmations reported above, two were at Scottsboro, at present a Missionary Station of this Parish. The neat, new Church at this place is now completed and paid for, and will be Consecrated at the next visitation of the Bishop.

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, DALLAS COUNTY.

April 27th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 13; removed, 5 ..... Present No..		
Baptized persons not Communicants		
Total Parishioners		
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		
Baptisms		
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$30.00	
Convention Fund	10.00	
Repairs	10.00—	$50.
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		22.
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South		10.
Total Expenditures		$82.

REMARKS.—This Parish has been without a Rector since August 17th 1870. Rev. R. A. COBBS, of West Virginia, officiated once since that time

F. M. DANSBY, Senior Warden.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON STATION.

April 28th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 24; died, 1 ..... Present No..		2
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 20 ..... Total..		2
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		
Baptisms		
Funerals		
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$150.00	
Convention Fund	45.00	
Current Expenses	22.00	
Repairs	10.00—	$227.00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		28.53
Total Expenditures		$255.53

REMARKS—This Parish has been vacated by removal of Rev. Mr. BARNWELL to Selma, Ala., and no service for four months.

R. H. DUGGAR, Junior Warden.

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, UNIONTOWN,

Rev. J. R. WINCHESTER, Rector.

April 26th, 1880.

Communicants—Removed, 4 ..... Present No..	55
Baptized Persons not Communicants	58
Total Parishioners	113
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 28 ..... Total..	34
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public	13
Baptisms	11
Confirmations	3
Marriages	2
Funerals	3
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report	11

Parochial Expenditures—		
Current Expenses	$ 35.00	
Repairs	569.30—	$604.30
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		61.10
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		13.15
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	$2.75	
Foreign Missions	5.25	
University of the South	5.20	
Disabled Clergy	5.50	
Church Society for Gospel among the Jews	2 70	
Erection of a Church	2.00—	23.40
Total Expenditures		$701.95

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, EUFAULA—Rev. J. C. DAVIS, Rector.

April 26th, 1880.

Communicants—Dropped, 2; removed, 12; received by first Communion, 2; by letter 3	Present No..	80
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 30	Total..	36
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		9
Baptisms—Children		4
Confirmations		2
Marriages		2
Funerals		3
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		9

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$ 1,200.00	
Convention Fund	135.00	
Current Expenses	116.00	
Repairs	5.00—	$ 1,456.00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		5.00
Total Expenditures		$1,461.00

REMARKS.—The absence from my Parish for three months, was occasioned by my personal ill health. It was this that, in some degree, will account for the reduced finances of the Parish.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE—Rev. J. S. JOHNSTON, Rector.

April 26th, 1880.

Communicants—420 on Register	Accounted for..	275
Sunday School—Teachers, 30; scholars, 200	Total..	230
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 3; private, 3	Total..	6
Baptisms		25
Confirmations		17
Marriages		9
Funerals		20
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		3
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		$65.00

REMARKS.—This Report is a very imperfect one on account of the change in the Rectorship.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, EUTAW.

Rev. STEPHEN U. SMITH, Rector.

April 28th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 32	Present No.	42
Sunday School—Teachers, 3; scholars, 18	Total	21
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		11
Baptisms		2
Confirmations		7
Marriages		2
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$350.00	
Convention Fund	50.00—	$400.00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		49.70
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South		11.35
Total Expenditures		$461.05

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, FORK OF GREENE.

Rev. STEPHEN U. SMITH, Rector.

April 28th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 14	Present No.	19
Baptisms		5
Confirmations		1
Funerals		1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$215.00	
Convention Fund	25.00—	$240.00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		10.60
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South		4.10
Total Expenditures		$254.70

REMARKS.—The removal of this Building to Boligee Depot will add to the Forkland congregation six members, embraced in the above report.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, LOWNDES COUNTY.

April 28th, 1880.

Held one service in this Church, baptizing an infant. The old building, which was in a dangerous condition, has been torn down and a small Chapel erected in its stead. This is one of the oldest Parishes in the Diocese, but has been for many years without the services of a Minister and almost without members. Lately some of the old members have moved back into the neighborhood and it is proposed to have regular services hereafter in the new Chapel.

F. B. TICKNOR, Deacon.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, AUTAUGAVILLE.

April 28th, 1880.

Held service here once during the year, and baptized one infant.

F. B. TICKNOR, Deacon.

GRACE CHURCH, COUNTY LINE—Rev. F. B. Lee, Rector.

April 28th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 44; removed, 1 ..... Present No..		45
Baptized Persons not Communicants		39
Total Parishioners		84
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 12; private, 2 ..... Total..		14
Baptisms		2
Confirmations		2
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report ..... Monthly visit.		
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$ 91.95	
*Convention Fund	20.00—	$111.95
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		12.00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions		5.00
Other Contributions for Church Purposes		5.10
Total Expenditures		$134.05

Remarks.—* This is attended to by the Treasurer of the Vestry. I am informed that they are up with their dues. The Church has been shingled, and otherwise repaired. I do not know the amount of the cost.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MARENGO COUNTY.

April 26th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 23; died, 1 ..... Present No..		25
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		9
Baptisms		4
Confirmations		2
Funerals		3
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		8
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$312.50	
Convention Fund	50.00	
Current Expenses	.30—	$362.80
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—Communion Alms..		34.20
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—Diocesan Missions..		18.25
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Foreign Missions	$ 4.10	
University of the South	11.55—	15.65
Total Expenditures		$430.90

DAVID MINGE, Senior Warden.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MOBILE—Rev. T. J. Beard, Rector.

April 27th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 593; died 15; removed 23 ..... Present No..		634
Baptized persons not Communicants		Unknown
Sunday School—Teachers, 20; scholars, 250 ..... Total		270
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 75; private, 20 ..... Total..		95
Baptisms		64
Confirmations		30
Marriages		19
Funerals		51
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$1,714.50	
Convention Fund	200.00	
Current Expenses	371.60	
Repairs	140.00	
Sunday School Collection	66.20—	$2,492.30
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	104.80	
Parish Aid Society for Poor	37.75—	142.55
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Church Home	518.00	
Diocesan Missions	124.35—	642.35
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	13.00	
Foreign Missions	16.10	
University of the South	24.00—	53.10
Total Expenditures		$3,330.30

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOWNDESBORO.

Rev. H. Stringfellow, D. D., Rector. Rev. F. B. Ticknor, Deacon.

April 28th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 29; died, 2	Present Number	27
Sunday School—Teachers, 3; scholars, 12	Total	15
Baptisms		3
Funerals		3
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$153.30	
Convention Fund	40.00	
Current Expenses	10.00	
Church Repair Fund	120.00—	$323.30
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		15.10
Total Expenditures		$338.40

Remarks.—Services on two Sundays in each month since last report.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, OPELIKA.

Rev. J. H. Ticknor, D. D., Rector.

April 28th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 41; removed 3	Present No.	38
Sunday School—Teachers, 4; scholars, 18	Total	22
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		15
Baptisms		8
Marriages		3
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$480.53	
Church Debt	60.00	
Sunday School	15.00—	$555.53
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		6.50
Total Expenditures		$562.03

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE.

Rev. J. F. SMITH, Rector.

April 26th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 55	Present No..	57
Baptized Persons not Communicants		55
Total Parishioners		112
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 30	Total..	36
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 10; private, 2	Total..	12
Baptisms		3
Confirmations		2
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$125.00	
Convention Fund	10.00—	$135.00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		19.00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		7.00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South		5.00
Total Expenditures		$166.00

REMARKS.—There is nothing connected with this Parish worthy of particular mention. Like other Parishes in small and declining towns, the Church has been greatly weakened, both in numbers and pecuniary ability by deaths and removals.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, TALLASSEE.

Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, D. D., Missionary.

April 28th, 1880.

On Sunday, the 11th of April, I visited this very interesting Church, where I intend holding a Monthly Service. I administered the Holy Communion to 8 persons. I found there a Sunday School of about 24 pupils, admirably conducted by a sufficient number of intelligent and devoted Churchwomen and men. The Church at this point has suffered many things, not the least of which was the loss, by removal, of its excellent pastor, the Rev. B. F. MOWER. Enough of his work remains for a foundation, and enough, I believe, of his spirit to build upon it. Collected at Offertory, $7.50.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, DECATUR.

Rev. CHAS. E. CABANISS, Minister in charge.

April 28th, 1880.

Communicants	Present No..	38
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		3
Baptisms—Adults, 3; infants, 3	Total..	6
Confirmations		2
Marriages		1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$150.00	
Convention Fund	25.00	
Repairs	83.10—	$258.10
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—Communion Alms		7.50
Total Expenditures		$265.60

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, GREENVILLE.

April 27th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 57; removed, 3		Present No..	61
Baptized Persons not Communicants			46
Total Parishioners			107
Sunday School—Teachers, 8; scholars, 94		Total..	102
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			2
Baptisms			16
Confirmations			9
Marriages			2
Funerals			1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			10
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$189.00		
Convention Fund	40.00		
Current Expenses	35.00		
Rectory Fund	383.63—		$647.63
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions			21.50
Total Expenditures			$669.13

REMARKS.—During the year I officiated at Mobile for two months. I have also officiated at Evergreen for nine months; twice at Claiborne and Perdue Hill, and at some stations in the County.

J. D. PORTER, Deacon in charge.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, BIRMINGHAM.

Rev. J. B. GRAY, Rector.

April 26th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 112; died, 1; removed, 2		Present No..	109
Baptized persons not Communicants (including children)			205
Total Parishioners			314
Sunday School—Teachers, 9; scholars, 65		Total..	74
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			7
Baptisms—Adults, 7; infants, 12		Total..	19
Marriages			2
Funerals			2
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			5½
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector—(from November 1st, 1879)	$341.70		
Convention Fund	60.00		
Current Expenses	35.30		
Repairs	15.00		
Rectory Fund	165.50		
Prayer Books, Hymnals, &c	42.80—		$660.30
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—Communion Alms..			19.45
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—Diocesan Missions..			5.00
Total Expenditures			$684.75

REMARKS.—The above embraces a period of five and a-half months, and includes the report from St. John's Parish, Elyton, which is practically one with this. A Rectory has been begun, which, when finished, will cost $150 to $200. A class of 17 persons has been prepared and is ready for Confirmation. The Rev. J. A. VAN HOOSE, Deacon, now a resident of this Parish, renders valuable aid to the Rector in assisting in the Services and superintending the Sunday School.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, TALLADEGA—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Rector.

April 28th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 59; removed, 2 ..... Present No..		60
Baptized Persons not Communicants		60
Total Parishioners		120
Sunday School—Teachers, 8; scholars, 50 ..... Total		58
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		10
Baptisms		8
Confirmations		3
Marriages		1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$200.00	
Current Expenses	20.00—	$220.00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		26.70
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		4.50
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South		10.00
Total Expenditures		$261 20

REMARKS.—The Church here is holding its own, with a slight advance; but struggling against many adverse influences. Sectarian prejudice, though somewhat abated, it still very strong. But one thing can be safely affirmed: the Church is *respected* where it is not admired.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HAYNEVILLE.

April 27th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 41; died, 1; removed, 1 ..... Present No..		43
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		4
Baptisms		2
Confirmations		1
Marriages		1
Funerals		3
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$135.15	
Convention Fund	10.00	
Church Building Fund	70.00	
Current Expenses	10.00—	$225 15
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—Diocesan Missions..		9.85
Total Expenditures		$235.00

REMARKS.—Have been officiating here one Sunday in each month, with an occasional Sunday evening Service besides, and Week-day Services during Lent.

F. B. TICKNOR, Deacon in Charge.

TRINITY CHURCH, UNION SPRINGS.

Rev. DEB. WADDELL, Rector.

April 26th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 13; died, 1 ..... Present No...		19
Baptized persons not Communicants		16
Total Parishioners		35

Sunday School—Teachers 3; scholars 15	Total..	[illegible]
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		[illegible]
Confirmations		
Funerals		
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		[illegible]
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$75.00	
Convention Fund	10.00	
Current Expenses (Church debt)	200 00	—$285.[illegible]
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—Communion Alms..		30.[illegible]
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—Diocesan Missions..		6.[illegible]
Total Expenditures		$321.[illegible]

REMARKS.—I am glad to state that our Church debt is paid, and that [illegible] have about $125.00 on hand for the purpose of repairing our building. T[illegible] prospects of the Parish are quite promising.

ATHENS MISSION—Rev. CHAS. E. CABANISS, Minister in charge.

April 28th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 26; removed, 1	Present No..	
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		
Baptisms—Adult		
Confirmations		
Marriages		
Funerals		
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$105.00	
Convention Fund	20.00	
Current Expenses	40.00	
Purchased an Organ	60.00—	$225
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		5
Contributions to Church Building	$130.23	
Expended on Church Building		1,121 [illegible]
Total Expenditures		$ 1,352 [illegible]

REMARKS.—The Church at this point is increasing, and the prospect se[illegible] very encouraging. A pretty and substantial brick Church is in course erection. The corner-stone was laid (with appropriate ceremonies) on [illegible] 21st of April, 1880.

GRACE CHURCH, MORGAN COUNTY.

Rev. CHAS. E. CABANISS, Minister in charge.

April 28th, 1880.

Communicants—Removed, 1	Present No..	[illegible]
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		
Baptisms—Adult, 1; infants, 3	Total .	
Confirmations		
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		[illegible]
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$110.00	
Convention Fund	25.00—	$135. [illegible]
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		4. [illegible]
Total Expenditures		$139. [illegible]

MONTEVALLO MISSION—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Evangelist.

April 26th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 11; removed, 1 ..... Present No..			10
Baptized persons not Communicants			20
Total Parishioners			30
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			3
Confirmations			1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$125.00		
Current Expenses	10.00—	$135.00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		5.00	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
University of the South		2.00	
Total Expenditures		$142.00	

REMARKS.—Here the Church has been almost broken up by removals. Still there are a few faithful souls who "remember Zion", and pray and work for her prosperity.

GRACE CHURCH, CLAYTON—Rev. DEB. WADDELL, Rector.

April 28th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 22; removed, 3 ..... Present No..			25
Baptized persons not Communicants			32
Total Parishioners			57
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 33 ..... Total..			39
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			13
Baptisms			1
Confirmations			6
Marriages			1
Funerals			1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$300.00		
Convention Fund	30.00		
Current Expenses	50.00		
Repairs and purchase of Chancel Window	75.00—	$455 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		24.00	
Total Expenditures		$479.00	

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, PRATTVILLE.

Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D., Rector.

April 28th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 23; removed, 3 ..... Present No..			20
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 25 ..... Total..			30
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			3
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			8
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$69.50		
Current Expenses	5.00—	$74.50	

I ceased work in this Parish the 1st of February last. Services have since been conducted by Lay Reader. F. B. TICKNOR, Deacon.

FAUNSDALE, April 27th, 1880.

To the Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

Since the last Convention the following is a report of my work :

IN FAUNSDALE CHAPEL—COLORED CONGREGATION.

7 Holy Communions, 2 Marriages, 2 Funerals.

Public Services with preaching every alternate Sunday, and on the great Festivals and Fasts occurring week-days.

Every Sunday morning is devoted to the Baptized Children—their instruction in the simplest knowledge of the Christian Religion as well as the Church Catechism. This latter has been fairly memorized by a few of the children.

The Communicants number some 25. One has been suspended for gross immorality, and one has been admitted back to Communion.

I have been able to render assistance in neighboring Parishes without Ministers, to wit: Holy Communions, public 2; private, 1; Funerals, 6.

W. A. STICKNEY.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FORKLAND.

Rev. A. KINNEY HALL, Minister in charge.

April 26th, 1880.

Communicants—In 1879, 21; died, 1; removed, 2—Present No., males, 8 females, 13 ..... Total		21
Baptized person not Communicants		15
Total Parishioners		36
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 25 ..... Total		30
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		2
Baptisms—Adults, 4; children, 9 ..... Total		13
Confirmations		15
Funerals—Adult		1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		9
Parochial Expenditures—		
Cost of removing Church	$575.00	
Amount paid for windows, &c	259.25—	$834.25
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	4.25	
Cash on hand	70.00	
Font Fund	4.00—	78.25
Total Expenditures		$912.50

MT. MEIGS MISSION—Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D., Rector.

April 28th, 1880.

Have held Services here one week-day in each month since last Report, except two months, when services were held on the fifth Sunday.

F. B. TICKNOR, Deacon.

ST. PHILLIPS' MISSION, BENTON.

April 28th, 1880.

Last October, learning that there was some Church families in and near Benton, who desired the Services of the Church, I visited the place, by permission of the Bishop, and held Services. Much interest was manifested, and it was thought desirable to build a Church in Benton. A lot was donated for the purpose and a sum of money was subscribed with which I have built a neat little Church, 20 by 40 feet, with seats for 100 people. It is a

gothic frame building, with recess Chancel and open roof. It cost $500, and is all paid for. It is not yet plastered nor painted on the outside, but it is hoped that this can be done during the year. The Bishop has given a sum of money for a stained-glass Chancel window. I have held Services there one Sunday in the month since January, besides numerous week-day Services, all of which were well attended. The first Service in the new Church was held March 21st. There are thirteen Communicants in the neighborhood, and a number of persons who are looking forward to Confirmation.

F. B. TICKNOR, Deacon.

TROY MISSION.

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D., Bishop of Alabama.

Rev. Father in God:—Since my last report of the work at Troy, the Church has been consecrated, under the name of St. Mark's. Our windows have been painted, and we have about enough money to put a neat fence around it. We have had 2 Confirmations, and hence now have 18 Communicants, with quite a nice little Sunday School, under a very zealous Superintendent. The work is as promising as could be expected.

Respectfully,

Your Son, in CHRIST and His Holy Church,

DEB. WADDELL, Minister in charge.

MOBILE, April 28th, 1880.

RT. REV. FATHER:

For twelve months I have tried to attend faithfully to the sheep given by you into my care. During this time many lambs have been received into the fold, and I feel much encouraged by the interest manifested by many.

At Bon-Secour last year I had a day school in successful operation, and which will soon be under way again. Here there are men, women and children greatly interested in Church work, and I have reason to believe before the end of summer, there will be a neat Church edifice in readiness for Consecration. Baptisms, 3; marriage, 1; death, 1.

At Douty Station, a point seven miles from Bon-Secour, to which I have lately been invited, baptisms, 6.

At Mon Louis Island there is some sign of life, but no great interest manifested. Baptisms, 3.

At Heron Bay, baptisms—1 adult, 4 children.

At Dauphin Island, population mostly Roman Catholics, but are faithful co-workers with me and seem desirous to obtain light. Here I had a school, in charge of a good teacher, and will soon have one again under a thorough male teacher, who promises to work in co-operation with me. Baptisms—28 children, 3 adults.

At Sand Island—baptisms, 1 child, 1 adult.

I have served several times at Whistler; baptized 2 children, and buried 1 old citizen and one child.

While away from my Mission work and in Mobile, I have assisted Rev. Mr. BEARD on several occasions.

The work on the Gulf Coast is increasing, and I am in great need of a helper. May GOD bless the work, and send the help that is necessary to build up and establish it.

I have also distributed a large number of Tracts, Prayer Books and Bibles, and stand in need of more.

Faithfully, A. J. ROBERTS.

To the Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D.

On the 13th October, 1879, I entered upon my duties as Rector of Hamner Hall, the Diocesan School for Girls. We opened with forty-two pupils, six of whom were boarders. The School now numbers fifty-one, eleven of whom are boarders.

The prospects of the School seem to be good; the work done is certainly satisfactory.

One of the School rooms has been set apart as an Oratory or small Chapel, in which a beautiful service, (in part choral) is celebrated every morning by the entire School.

The boarders are catechised every Sunday, and other suitable instructions are given for their religious training.

Outside of my duties here, I have assisted the Rev. Dr. Stringfellow, the Rector of St. John's Church, in this city, from time to time, in the administration of the Holy Eucharist, in the Service, and in the Pulpit.

In addition, I have administered the Sacraments, and otherwise officiated in Selma, Greenville and Evergreen.

GEO. M. EVERHART.

Hamner Hall, Montgomery, April 26, 1880.

APPENDIX C.

Account of Treasurer of Bishop's Fund.

N. H. R. Dawson, *Treasurer*,

In account with Bishop's Fund.

1879.	*DR.*	
July 1.—	To interest on Alabama Bonds	$100.00
Dec. 6.— "	amount collected on note of Sam. Edwards	50.00
" 23.— "	July and January interest on City of Selma Bonds, Nos. 52, 53, 54 and 116, $200 @ 85 cents	170.00
1880.		
Jan'y 1.— "	Interest on Alabama Bonds	103.00
" " — "	Interest on note of N. H. R. Dawson	400.00
		$823.00

1879.	*CR.*	
Dec. 23.—	By Cash paid for one Consolidated Bond of the State of Alabama, Class A, $100, No. 8681	53.00
April 28.—	By Cash paid Wm. Barnewall, Treasurer, to balance	770.00
		$823.00

Note.—For securities of Bishop's Fund, see Report of 1879—Journal, page 58; the only addition to these securities being the above Alabama Consolidated Bond for $100, No. 8681, which cost $53. This class of Alabama Bonds are now quoted in New York from 58 to 60, and are increasing in value.

N. H. R. DAWSON, Treasurer.

Selma, Ala., April 28, 1880.

APPENDIX D.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR REVISION AND CODIFICATION OF THE CANONS.

The Special Committee appointed at the last session of the Convention to Revise and Codify the Canons of this Diocese, beg leave to report that they have held one meeting and have given the subject much careful consideration.

They have understood their duty simply to consist in effecting such changes in the present Canons as shall make them more complete and explicit, and to arrange their several provisions where they would naturally be looked for. They have not, therefore, felt themselves at liberty to depart from previous legislation, nor to introduce any radical changes; but, on the contrary, have endeavored to avoid making any addition or alteration which did not seem necessary in order to remove ambiguities, or the better to express or enforce existing requirements. There is, perhaps, one exception to this rule, in the provision which they have introduced in Canon III of Title II, whereby the Wardens of each Parish are required to make an annual report in regard to the temporalities of their several Parishes.

In order that the result of their labors may be laid before the Convention more systematically, they will consider them somewhat in detail and present them in their proper order.

Canon I of Title I, they found to be defective, in that it gives no directions for the proper organization of a Parish, and does not define what a "Parish" is. This they have supplied in § 1 of the proposed Canon, taking its provisions from the Canons of other Dioceses; while they have placed the substance of Canon VI, Title I, as § 2 of the same proposed Canon, which is clearly its proper position, inasmuch as it details the means by which a new Parish may be formed within the bounds of an existing Parish, just as the preceding section gives the proceedings by which a new Parish may be formed where none exists. The remaining sections of this proposed Canon follow the present Canon even to the provisions contained in its § 3, which the Committee on Canons at the last Convention proposed to repeal.

To Canon III of Title I, they propose to add a section providing for the exchange of Journals of the Convention, by the Registrar of the Diocese, for those of other Dioceses. This seems needful, in order to obviate the necessity for the passage of an annual Resolution to the same effect.

In 1875 the Convention adopted a Resolution which had been pending two years previously, creating a standing Committee on New Business, and such Committee was then appointed but has never made any report, nor has it been kept in existence by subsequent appointments, which were provided to be made annually. This may be due to the fact that such Committee was brought into existence simply by a Resolution and without its duties being defined. And, certainly if it is to have a permanent existence and to be made

effective, it ought to be recognized and provided for by Canon. Your Committee have therefore draughted a Canon, which they would propose as Canon V, Title I, Of the Committee on New Business, but without intending thereby to commit themselves to the need or expediency of such a Committee. *That* is for the Convention itself to determine, while they simply offer this draught as the proper form for such a Canon if it is considered wise to enact it.

The present Canon V, of Title I, your Committee have found defective in not providing how the Deputies to the General Convention shall be elected, by ballot, or otherwise; and in that it does not provide that they shall be of the two orders, Clerical and Lay, nor specify the number of each. These latter points are indeed already determined and fixed by Art. II of the Constitution of the General Convention; but it is certainly eminently proper and most expedient, that the Canon of the Diocese should itself present all the details necessary to be observed, in order to conform to the provisions of such Constitution, and the Committee have therefore embodied these several points in the Canon which they propose.

Canon VII, of Title I, Of the Vestry, was, in 1874, by Resolution, referred to the Committee on Canons for revision, and with the view to the better defining the duties and privileges of Wardens and Vestrymen. Subsequent action has been taken in the same direction, but no report has been made by the Committee on Canons, and Canon VII, Title I, still remains as it was in 1874. Your Committee have therefore given particular attention to this Canon, and have endeavored to frame a substitute which should be full and explicit, and such as was contemplated by the Resolution of the Convention above referred to.

For Canon III, of Title II, they also offer a substitute which differs from the present Canon chiefly in providing that an annual report shall be made by the Wardens of each Parish in regard to its temporal affairs and material condition. Such reports are required in the Diocese of Georgia, where we learn that they are found most useful and beneficial.

Canon IV, of Title II, Of Vacant Parishes, they have endeavored to make more full and explicit, and therefore more effectual in guarding against an ever-possible evil; even the long-continued or perpetual vacancy of a Parish through the simple inaction of the Wardens and Vestry thereof.

These are all the changes which they would propose in the Canons, while their order and arrangement would remain substantially as at present. Should all of the suggestions of the Committee be adopted by the Convention, some slight changes in the numbering of the Canons would become necessary, but these can only be effected after the Convention itself has taken action. The Committee can therefore only indicate the proper order in which they should then be placed, by giving the numbers and titles of the existing, or of proposed Canons, as follows:

TITLE I. OF THE ORGANIZED BODIES AND OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

Canon I. Of Parishes (substitute proposed.)
Canon II. Of the Treasurer (present Canon.)

Canon III. Of the Registrar (new § proposed.)
Canon IV. Of the Diocesan Printer (present Canon.)
Canon V. Of the Committee on New Business (new Canon proposed.)
Canon VI. Of the Election of Deputies to the General Convention (substitute proposed for present Canon V.)
Canon VII. Of the Vestry and Officers of a Parish (substitute proposed.)
Canon VIII. Of the Clergy (present Canon.)
Canon IX. Of the Bishop's Fund (present Canon.)

TITLE II. GENERAL REGULATIONS OF MINISTERS AND PARISHES.

Canon I. Of Attendance upon Convention (present Canon.)
Canon II. Of Admission to Parish (present Canon.)
Canon III. Of the Parish Register and Reports (substitute proposed.)
Canon IV. Of Vacant Parishes (substitute proposed.)
Canon V. Of Convocations (present Canon.)

TITLE III. OF DISCIPLINE.

Canon I. Of the Trial of a Clergyman not being a Bishop (present Canon.)

TITLE IV. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

Canon I. Of the Repeal of Canons (present Canon.)
Canon II. Of the Enactment and Alteration of Canons (present Canon.)

In the form of Articles of Association of Parishes, your Committee would propose some verbal alterations to the Preamble and first Article, in order to conform the language to the requirements of the Canons and to a proper discrimination of terms.

The Committee have noted the deficiency of a Canon detailing and regulating the duties of the Secretary of the Convention, and of one which should adequately provide for, and regulate the management of the Diocesan Missionary Fund. The first of these, is however, partly supplied by Art. VI of the Constitution of the Diocese, which not only creates the office of Secretary but also undertakes to define his duties, which last is usually better determined and regulated by Canon, where they are always subject to any necessary addition or modification, and where they would naturally be looked for by the Secretary himself, or by others. And in regard to the Diocesan Missionary Fund, the Committee had nothing to guide them in the construction of a Canon, inasmuch as the Resolutions which have at different times been adopted upon this subject, have not been acted upon nor persisted in with sufficient unanimity and constancy, either to determine their value or the mind of the Convention in regard to their wisdom and practicability. And the Committee deem it unwise and futile to introduce a Canon which they have no reason to suppose would be made really effective.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. H. HUNT,
R. H. COBBS, } Committee.
J. H. FITTS,

APPENDIX E.

Diocesan Treasurer's Account

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1st, 1880.

WILLIAM BARNEWALL, *Treasurer,*

In Account with THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

1879. *DR.*

May 15.—To	Balance of Account	$ 450.00
"	Athens Mission	20.00
"	Christ Church, Mobile	650.00
"	Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	150.00
"	Church of the Advent, Birmingham	60.00
"	Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	60.00
"	Church of the Nativity, Huntsville	350.00
"	Grace Church, Morgan County	25.00
"	St. Andrew's Church, Macon	45.00
"	St. David's Church, Dallas County	10.00
"	St. James' Church, Eufaula	135.00
"	St. James' Church, Livingston	50.00
"	St. Luke's Church, Cahaba	10.00
"	St Luke's Church, Jacksonville	25.00
"	St. John's Church, Mobile	200.00
"	St. John's Church, Montgomery	650.00
"	St. John's Church, Tuscumbia	15.00
"	St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene	25.00
"	St. Michael's Church, Marengo County	50.00
"	St. Paul's Church, Carlowville	30.00
"	St. Paul's Church, Decatur	25.00
"	St. Paul's Church, Greensboro	150.00
"	St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro	40.00
"	St. Paul's Church, Whistler	15.00
"	St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill	25 00
"	St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw	50.00
"	St. Peter's Church, Talladega	20.00
"	St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion	50.00
"	St. Thomas' Church, Greenville	40.00
"	Trinity Church, Demopolis	150.00
"	Trinity Church, Mobile	300 00
"	Trinity Church, Union Springs	10.00
"	Montevallo Mission	15.00
"	St. Paul's Church, Selma	325.00
"	Trinity Church, Florence	13.50
"	N. H. R. Dawson, Treasurer Bishop's Fund, received from him at Convention	770.00
		$5,008.50

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By paid	Rev. R. H. Cobbs, Secretary of Convention		$ 200.00
" "	Simpson Avery, Greensboro, services at Convention		10.00
" "	Henry Barnewall, Treasurer of Diocese		50.00
" "	W. G. Boyd, for blank book		8.50
" "	Henry Farrow & Co., printing Certificates and Parochial Reports		6.42
" "	Piedmont and Arlington Insurance Co., ½ premium on Policy 3,400, on life of Bishop Wilmer		129.25
" "	Henry Farrow & Co., printing Journal	$164.50	
" "	Postage and express charges on do.	8.80—	173.30
" "	Bishop R. H. Wilmer, balance salary 1878-'79	$ 380.79	
" "	" " " salary 1879-80	4000.00—	4380.79
"	Balance to new Account		50.24
			$5008.50

WM. BARNEWALL, Treasurer.

E. E.—May 1st, 1880.

PARISHES AND MISSIONS IN ARREARS—1879-80.

Anniston Mission	$ 50.00
Emmanuel Church, Opelika	25.00
Grace Church, Clayton	30.00
* Grace Church, Portland	20.00
St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville	10.00
St. Alban's Church, Gainesville	10.00
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville	25.00
St. Mark's Church, Prattville	15.00
St. Mary's Church, Evergreen	10.00
St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville	20.00
St. Mary's Church, Camden	10.00
Trinity Church, Florence, balance	6.65
Total	$231.65

* Paid after Treasurer's Account was closed.

APPENDIX F.

Report of Trustee of the University of the South.

The undersigned, Trustee of the University of the South, respectfully refers the accompanying "Memorial" of the University Commission to the Convention for its consideration. The matter involved is of great interest to the University and demands the most judicious consideration and action.

The undersigned was prevented from attending the last annual meeting of the Board of Trustees on account of his illness at the time.

The condition of the University is represented as very satisfactory and encouraging.

If the plan for the support of the Theological Department, suggested by our last Convention, is earnestly prosecuted, there will be no difficulty in maintaining it, and placing its success beyond question.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

April 28, 1880. N. H. R. DAWSON.

MEMORIAL TO THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESES INTERESTED IN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

The undersigned, the members of the University Commission, having accepted from the Trustees of the University of the South, a charge to work during the year for its conservation and final establishment, feel bound to call the attention of the Dioceses interested as joint owners of the University, to the *Special Plan of Provincial Sub-division*, recommended for the Church in the United States, by a recently published Report of a Sub-Committee of the House of Bishops. It may be that, as some believe, the inherent impracticability of this particular plan, will, in itself, secure its rejection by the General Convention; nevertheless, in view of the authoritative source whence it has proceeded, the University Commission, still believe themselves bound to call special attention to the danger this plan involves for the University of the South.

Though the undersigned recognize what is indeed self-evident, that the close organization of all the Dioceses interested in this University into one compact province, would facilitate their joint counsels, concentrate their efforts, and assure the final success of the grand conception of OTEY, POLK and ELLIOTT; yet, with the question of advisability or non-advisability of a creation of provinces at the present time, the University Commission, as such, has nothing to do. It is with the Special Plan of Division recommended by such high authority, and with that plan only, that the University of the South happens to be concerned, and against that plan we ask leave to submit the following considerations:

1st. The proposed plan threatens the destruction of the University of the South, by recommending a disruption of the existing relation between the ten Dioceses, now and for twenty years past united in its support.

2d. The plan would separate from each other these ten *homogeneous* Dioceses, and distribute them as appendages among three Provinces, each composed of quite *heterogeneous* elements; and thus while undermining the University of the South, the plan would defeat the very object for which, according to the report of the Bishops themselves, the grouping of the Dioceses into Provinces is desirable at all. Each of the proposed provinces, indeed, would be made up of all or very nearly all the heterogeneous elements and problems to be found in the Church in these United States as a whole.

3d. No conceivable religious argument exists for such a division as that proposed, while it overrides the most manifest considerations of natural and social expediency, and would but check Church enterprise, by diverting it from the channels which it has long since instinctively and spontaneously marked out for itself.

Your Memorialists therefore pray that such action be taken by the Diocesan Conventions interested as may tend to render impossible the adoption of the plan of division recommended by the Sub-Committee of the House of Bishops.

All of which is respectfuly submitted.

JOHN B. ELLIOTT, E. KIRBY SMITH,
CASKIE HARRISON, GEO. T. WILMER,
WM. P. DuBOSE, JOHN McCRADY.

APPENDIX G.

FRANCIS B. CLARK, *Treasurer University of the South*
Diocese of Alabama,
In Account with W. P. DuBOSE, *Treasurer, Sewanee.*

1879.		
Dec'r 16.	For amount from F. M. DANSBY, Esq. collected from St. David's Parish, Dallas County	$ 3.50
Dec'r 25.	For amount from F. M. DANSBY, Esq. collected from St. David's Parish, Dallas County	2.50
1880.		
March 19.	For amount from F. M. DANSBY, Esq. collected from St. David's Parish, Dallas County	3.05
April 20.	For amount from F. M. DANSBY, Esq. collected from St. David's Parish, Dallas County	1.00
April 21.	For amount from F. B. LEE, collected from St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, for Theological Department University of the South	10.00
	Total Collections	$20.05

Contra.

1880.		
Jan'y 7.	By P. O. Order remitted Treasurer, Sewanee	$ 6.00
April 21.	" " " " "	14.05
	Total remitted	$20.05

FRANCIS B. CLARK,
Treasurer University of the South, Diocese of Ala.

APPENDIX H.

Account of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1st, 1880.

STEPHENS CROOM, *Treasurer*,

In Account with THE DIOCESAN MISSIONARY FUND.

1879. *DR.*

May 15.—To Balance at last Annual Report	$295.20
Received since last Annual Report from—	
Anniston Mission	2.95
Benton Mission	4.10
Christ Church, Mobile	108.90
Christ Church, Mobile, Sunday School Offering	367.20
Church of the Advent, Birmingham	5.00
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	17.15
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville	33.00
Emmanuel Church, Opelika	6.25
Grace Church, Clayton	2.35
Grace Church, Portland	16.60
St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville	9.85
St. David's Church, Dallas County	22.60
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville	11.30
St. John's Church, Mobile	124.35
St. John's Church, Montgomery	277.70
St. Mark's Church, Troy	16.25
St. Michael's Church, Marengo County	23.45
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville	43.10
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro	87.70
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro	15.10
St. Paul's Church, Selma	75.00
St. Paul's Church, Selma, Sunday School Offering	20.00
St. Peter's Church, Talladega	6.50
St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion	6.00
St. Thomas' Church, Greenville	21.55
Trinity Church, Demopolis	59.35
Trinity Church, Mobile	15.50
Trinity Church, Union Springs	9.85
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	52.70
St. Mark's Church, Prattville	8.50
Loaned by the Bishop from Church Home Fund	500.00
	$2,297.05

1880.

May 7.—To Balance on hand $239.20

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1879.	By paid the Bishop's drafts in favor of—	Voucher No.	
April 17.—	Rev. F. B. Lee	1	$ 100.00
May 3.—	" B. F. Mower	2	50 00
June 11.—	" Chas. E. Cabaniss	3	75.00
" 19.—	" A. J. Roberts	4	37.00
July 5.—	" A. J. Roberts	5	50.00
" ——	" J. F. Smith	6	50.00
Aug. 2.—	" A. J. Roberts	7	50.00
" 29.—	" A. J. Roberts	8	50.00
Oct'r 7.—	" A. K. Hall	9	40.00
" 8.—	" B. F. Mower (for Church at Florence)	10	50.00
" 13.—	" A. J. Roberts	11	50.00
" 27.—	" J. F. Smith	12	9.25
Nov'r 11.—	" DeB. Waddell	13	50.00
" 20.—	" DeB. Waddell	14	18.45
" 26.—	" B. F. Mower	15	50.00
Dec'r 9.—	" Chas. E. Cabaniss	16	50.00
" 10.—	Church at Union Springs	17	50.00
" 22.—	Mission Tracts and Books	18	20.00
1880.			
Jan'y 12.—	Rev. J. F. Smith	19	50.00
" 15.—	" A. J. Roberts	20	25.00
" "—	Church Home Fund	21	100.00
" 30.—	Church Home Fund	22	50.00
Feb'y 13.—	Rev. F. B. Lee	23	9.55
" 18.—	Church Home Fund	24	50.00
" "—	Rev. F. B. Lee	25	50.00
" 26.—	" F. B. Ticknor	26	29.05
March 1.—	" J. H. Ticknor	27	6.25
" 4.—	" A. J. Roberts	28	25.00
" 24.—	Church at Athens	29	100.00
April 2.—	Rev. J. H. Ticknor	30	50.00
" "—	" DeB. Waddell	31	50.00
" "—	" B. F. Mower	32	50.00
" "—	Church Home Fund	33	300.00
" 6.—	Rev. J. F. Smith	34	50 00
" 8.—	Mission Books	35	20.00
" "—	Church at Forkland	36	100.00
" 30.—	Rev. F. B. Ticknor	38	88.00
	By paid for printing Quarterly Statements	37	5 30
	By Cash on hand		239.20
			$2,297.05

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHENS CROOM,
Treasurer Diocesan Missionary Fund.

NOTE.—The checks in favor of the Church Home Fund amount to $500. They were drawn to repay that amount, which had been loaned to this Fund by the Bishop from the Church Home Fund.

APPENDIX I.

Report of the Registrar.

To the Forty-Ninth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Alabama:

Since my last Report I have received the following documents and papers which have been duly filed :

TITLE DEEDS.

1. NATH'L G. FRIEND to Vestry of St. Mark's Church, Greene County, property in Greene County. (Certified copy.)

2. MARY K. NEWSUM and ELLA E. NEWSUM and husband, to the Protestant Episcopal Church, Alabama, lot for St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.

3. A. STEIN, JAS. G. ROWE and GEO. A. TUTHILL to E. JONES and others, Trustees, property at Spring Hill, Mobile Co., for St. Paul's Church; also, deed of Mrs. M. POPE to A. STEIN and others, same property; also, E. JONES and others declaration of trust, &c.

4. WILLIAMSON GLOVER and wife to Rt. Rev. Bishop WILMER, Church lot at Forkland, Greene County.

5. JEPTHA V. HITE and wife to Protestant Episcopal Church, lot for St. Mark's Church, Troy, Ala.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Piedmont and Arlington Life Insurance Co.—Receipt and correspondence concerning Bishop's Life Policy.

2. H. BARNEWALL, Treasurer of the Diocese—Accounts and vouchers to May 1, 1879.

3. STEPHENS CROOM, Treasurer Diocesan Missionary Fund—Vouchers to May 1, 1879.

4. St. Mark's Church, Troy—Sentence of Consecration.

5. Sentence of Deposition of F. W. DAMUS and papers connected therewith.

Respectfully submitted,

GAYLORD B. CLARK,
Acting Registrar.

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PARISH OR CHURCH.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Marriages.	Funerals.	COMMUNICANTS. At last Report.	Added.	Died.	Removed.	Present Number.	COMMUNIONS. Public.	Private.	Total.	No. of Months Spent in Parish since last Report.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.
Christ Church, Mobile	14	16	12	11	317	...	2	2	337	42	8	50	12	14	137	151
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	20	8	2	4	165	19	2	16	166	14	1	15	12	11	73	84
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro	17	11	7	10	129	...	3	10	122	19	3	22	12	5	40	45
Trinity Church, Demopolis	9	2	3	3	79	7	2	...	84	...	...	...	...	13	153	166
St. James' Church, Livingston	4	4	...	6	37	...	...	2	39	5	...	5	12	4	23	27
St. John's Church, Montgomery	32	17	7	10	400	...	3	15	478	28	6	34	11	31	180	211
St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion	7	5	...	...	49	...	...	...	57	12	1	13	12	6	25	31
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
St. Paul's Church, Selma	...	2	3	5	216	...	1	...	215	8	2	10	...	11	103	114
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville	4	3	1	2	60	...	...	...	64	12	...	12	12	6	40	46
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia	2	1	...	2	34	...	1	...	34	14	...	14	12	4	33	37
Trinity Church, Florence	1	2	...	...	39	...	...	...	45	13	1	14	12	6	35	41
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville	17	9	9	14	255	...	7	4	...	13	2	15	12	17	174	191
St. David's Church, Dallas County	1	...	...	...	13	...	...	5	8	4	...	4	...	...	...	...
St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station	1	...	...	1	24	...	1	...	23	8	...	8	...	5	20	25
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	11	3	2	3	...	...	...	4	55	13	...	13	11	6	28	34
St. James' Church, Eufaula	4	2	2	3	...	...	...	12	80	9	...	9	9	9	30	36
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw	2	7	2	...	32	...	...	...	42	11	...	11	12	3	18	21
Trinity Church, Mobile	25	17	9	20	...	...	...	...	275	3	3	6	3	30	200	230
St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene	5	1	...	1	14	...	...	...	19	...	...	...	12	...	...	...
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville	3	2	...	...	55	...	...	...	57	10	2	12	12	6	30	36
St. Michael's Church, Marengo County	4	2	...	3	23	...	1	...	25	9	...	9	8	...	...	...
St. John's Church, Mobile	64	30	19	51	593	...	15	23	634	75	20	95	12	20	250	270
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro	3	...	...	3	29	...	2	...	27	...	...	...	12	3	12	15
Grace Church, County Line	2	2	...	...	44	...	...	1	45	12	2	14	12	...	...	...
St. Matthews' Church, Autaugaville	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Emmanuel Church, Opelika	8	...	3	...	41	...	...	3	38	15	...	15	12	4	18	22
St. Thomas' Church, Greenville	16	9	2	1	57	...	...	3	61	2	...	2	10	8	94	102
St. Mary's Church, Tallassee	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
St. Peter's Church, Talladega	8	3	1	...	59	...	...	2	60	10	...	10	12	8	50	58
St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville	2	1	1	3	41	...	1	1	43	4	...	4	12	...	...	...
Trinity Church, Union Springs	...	6	...	1	13	...	1	...	19	12	...	12	12	3	15	18
St. Paul's Church Decatur	6	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	12	...	...	...
Church of the Advent, Birmingham	19	...	2	2	112	...	1	2	109	7	...	7	5½	9	65	74
Montevallo Mission	...	1	...	...	11	...	...	1	10	3	...	3	12	...	...	...
Athens Mission	1	4	2	1	26	...	...	1	29	1	...	1	12	...	...	...
Grace Church, Clayton	1	6	1	1	22	...	...	3	25	13	...	13	12	6	33	39
Grace Church, Morgan County	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	1	36	3	...	3	12	...	...	...
Faunsdale Chapel	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	25	7	...	7	12	...	...	...
St. Mark's Church, Prattville	3	...	...	...	23	...	...	3	20	3	...	3	8	5	25	30
St. Philip's Mission, Benton	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
St. John's Mission, Forkland	13	15	...	1	21	...	1	2	21	2	...	2	9	5	25	30
Troy Mission	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gulf Missions	52	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTALS	387	210	94	167	3093	26	44	116	3458	419	51	472	419½	253	1929	2184

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS—Continued.

PARISH OR CHURCH.	PAROCHIAL EXPENDITURES.						Charities and Benefactions IN THE PARISH.		
	Salary of Rector.	Convention Fund.	Current Expenses.	Repairs of Church Edifice.	Otherwise.	TOTAL.	Communion Alms.	Otherwise.	TOTAL.
Christ Church, Mobile	$3600.00	$650 00	$2078 78	$	$	$6328 78	$332.70	$6351.00	$6683 70
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	1250 00	150 00	03 14	212.88	151.11	1863 13			
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro	982 35	150 00	26.05	130.65		1289 05	66 50	174 65	241 15
Trinity Church, Demopolis	675 00		60 25			735 25			
St. James' Church, Livingston	453 40	50.00	34.10	25.00	54 00	589 50	3.15		3 15
St. John's Church, Montgomery	3500 00	650 00	1480 00			5630 00	320 00	650 00	970 00
St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion	124.80	50 00		68.00		232 80			
St. Paul's Church, Selma	500 00	325 00		300.00		1125.00			
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville	239 80	30 00				269 80			
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia	163 00	15 00	21.05	83.00		282 05	18 85		18 85
Trinity Church, Florence	110 00	13 60	24 90			108 50	12 10	25 15	37.25
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville	1800 00	350.00	206.00	100.00		2456.00	97 85	513 05	610 90
St David's Church, Dallas County	30 00	10 00		10 00		50 00			
St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station	150 00	45.00	22.00	10 00		227 00	28 53		28 53
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown			35.00	569 30		604 30	61 10		61 10
St. James' Church, Eufaula	1200 00	135.00	116.00	5 00		1456 00	5 00		5.00
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw	350.00	50.00				400 00	49 70		49.70
Trinity Church, Mobile							65.00		65 00
St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene	215.00	25 00				240 00	10.60		10 60
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville	125.00		10.00			135 00	19 00		19 00
St Michael's Church, Marengo County	312.50	50 00	.30			362 80	34 20		34.20
St. John's Church, Mobile	1714.50	200 00	371.60	140.00	66.20	2492 30	104 80	37.75	142.55
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro	153.30	40 00	10.00	120.00		323 30			
Grace Church, County Line	91 95	20 00				111 95			
Emmanuel Church, Opelika	480.53				75.00	555.53			
St. Thomas' Church, Greenville	189.00	40.00	35 00	383.63		647.63			
St. Peter's Church, Talladega	200.00		20 00			220.00	26.70		26.70
St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville	135.15	10 00	10.00	70.00		225 15			
Trinity Church, Union Springs	75.00	10 00		200 00		285.00	30.00		30.00
St. Paul's Church, Decatur	150 00	25.00		83.10		258 10	7.50		7 50
Church of the Advent, Birmingham	341.70	60.00	35.30	15.00	208 30	660 30	19.45		19 45
Montevallo Mission	125.00		10.00			135 00	5 00		5.00
Athens Mission	105 00	20 00	40.00		60 00	225.00	5 40	1121.90	1127.30
Grace Church, Clayton	300 00	30 00	50.00	75.00		455.00	24 00		24 00
Grace Church, Morgan County	110.00	25.00				135 00	4.00		4 00
Faunsdale Chapel									
St. Mark's Church, Prattville	69 50		5.00			74.50			

PARISH OR CHURCH.	EXPENDITURES.										
	Charities and Benefactions IN THE DIOCESE.				Charities and Benefactions BEYOND THE DIOCESE.					Other Contributions for Church Purposes.	TOTAL EXPENDITURES.
	Church Home.	Diocesan Missions.	Otherwise.	TOTAL.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	University of the South.	Otherwise.	TOTAL.		
Christ Church, Mobile	$1349.40	$506.10	$.....	$1855.50	$38.75	$.....	$31.40	$33.00	$103.15	$240.00	$15211.13
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	.....	52.70	.....	52.70	.....	.....	30.00	.....	30.00	.....	1979.63
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro	.....	87.70	.....	87.70	16.80	16.80	40.00	.....	73.60	.....	1691.50
Trinity Church, Demopolis	.....	58.00	.....	58.00	.....	.....	17.50	.....	17.50	.....	1304.17
St. James' Church, Livingston	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	592.65
St. John's Church, Montgomery	.....	277.70	.....	277.70	.....	.....	.....	64.00	64.00	200.00	7141.70
St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	242.80
St. Paul's Church, Selma	.....	95.00	.....	95.00	.....	.....	25.00	125.00	150.00	.....	2883.51
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville	.....	40.00	.....	40.00	5.00	.....	10.00	.....	15.00	.....	324.80
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia	.....	2.20	.....	2.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	303.10
Trinity Church, Florence	.....	8.90	.....	8.90	4.00	5.00	.....	.....	9.00	182.00	435.65
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville	.....	33.00	93.25	126.25	10.50	10.50	45.00	.....	66.00	.....	3259.15
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	.....	9.75	3.40	13.15	2.75	5.25	5.20	10.20	23.40	.....	701.95
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.35	.....	11.35	.....	461.05
St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.10	.....	4.10	.....	254.70
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville	.....	7.00	.....	7.00	.....	.....	5.00	.....	5.00	.....	166.00
St. Michael's Church, Marengo County	.....	18.25	.....	18.25	4.10	.....	11.55	.....	15.65	.....	430.90
St. John's Church, Mobile	518.00	124.35	.....	642.35	13.00	16.10	24.00	.....	53.10	.....	3330.30
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro	.....	15.10	.....	15.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	338.40
Grace Church, County Line	.....	12.00	.....	12.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....	5.00	5.10	134.05
Emmanuel Church, Opelika	.....	6.50	.....	6.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	562.03
St. Thomas' Church, Greenville	.....	21.50	.....	21.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	669.13
St. Peter's Church, Talladega	.....	4.50	.....	4.50	.....	.....	10.00	.....	10.00	.....	261.20
St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville	.....	9.85	.....	9.85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	235.00
Trinity Church, Union Springs	.....	6.00	.....	6.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	321.00
Church of the Advent, Birmingham	.....	5.00	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	684.75
Montevallo Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	2.00	.....	142.00
St. David's Church, Dallas County	.....	22.60	.....	22.60	.....	.....	10.00	.....	10.00	.....	82.60
St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	255.53
St. James' Church, Eufaula	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1461.60
St. Paul's Church, Decatur	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	265.60
Athens Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1352.30
Grace Church, Clayton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	479.00
Grace Church, Morgan County	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	139.00
St. Mark's Church, Prattville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	74.50
St. John's Mission, Forkland	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	912.50
TOTALS	$1867.40	$1403.70	$96.65	$3425.75	$99.90	$53.65	$282.10	$232.20	$667.85	$627.10	$49084.28

ANNUAL MEETING

OF

The Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, &c.

An annual meeting of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen and the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, was held in the Church of the Advent, Birmingham, May 1st, 1880.

The Bishop of the Diocese called the Society to order and the Roll was called by the Secretary of last meeting, Rev. R. H. COBBS.

There were present:

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.	Mr. H. A. TAYLOE,
Rev. J. F. SMITH,	Mr. R. H. PEARSON,
Rev. R. H. COBBS, D. D.	Mr. ELLIS PHELAN,
Mr. J. H. FORNEY,	Mr. W. J. MILNER.

Rev. R. H. COBBS was elected Secretary pro tem.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Section Four of the Constitution be repealed.

On motion, the Treasurer of the Society was instructed to sell the Stock of Memphis and Charleston R. R. Co. owned by this Society, and invest proceeds of same, as well as money on hand, in Alabama State Bonds.

On motion, the Society adjourned to meet the second day of the Diocesan Convention, 1881.

RICH'D H. WILMER, President.

R. H. COBBS, Secretary.

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ERRATA.

On page 9 the letter I should appear instead of J. in the name of Rev. Alex. I. Drysdale.

On page 21 the name of R. M. Nelson should appear as as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

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List of Clergy belonging to the Diocese of Alabama.

MAY 11, 1881.

	Post Office
RT. REV. RICHARD H. WILMER, D. D.	Mobile.
REV. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., Church of the Nativity	Huntsville.
" ROBERT W. BARNWELL, St. Paul's Church	Selma.
" THOMAS J. BEARD, St. John's Church	Mobile.
" CHAS. E. CABANISS, Evangelist	Huntsville.
" WALLACE CARNAHAN, Grace Church	Anniston.
" R. H. COBBS, D. D., St. Paul's Church	Greensboro.
" THOS. A. COOK, Planters' Institute	Alpine.
" ALEX. I. DRYSDALE, Christ Church	Mobile.
" GEO M. EVERHART, D. D., Rector of Hamner Hall, Rector at Greenville	Montgomery.
" JOHN B. GRAY, Church of the Advent	Birmingham
" ARTHUR P. GREENLEAF, (Deacon)	Racine.
" JOHN A. HARRISON, D. D., Trinity Church	Demopolis.
" D. F. HOKE, (Deacon)	Jacksonville.
" GEO. H. HUNT, Christ Church	Tuskaloosa.
" J. S. JOHNSTON, Trinity Church	Mobile.
" F. B. LEE, St. Paul's Church, Carlowville	Minter.
" B. F. MOWER, Trinity Church	Florence.
" W. J. PERDUE	Gadsden.
" ASA J. ROBERTS, (Deacon)	Mobile.
" S. U. SMITH, St. Stephen's Church	Eutaw.
" J. F. SMITH, St Peter's Church	Talladega.
" WM. A. STICKNEY, Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	Faunsdale.
" HORACE STRINGFELLOW, JR., D. D., St. John's Church	Montgomery
" J. H. TICKNOR, D. D., Emmanuel Church, Opelika	Atlanta.
" JAMES A. VAN HOOSE, (Deacon) Miss. Assist. at and around	Birmingham
" DEB. WADDELL, Grace Church	Clayton.

Deaconesses.

Sister HARRIET	Church	Home,	Mobile.
GRACE	"	"	"
IRENE	"	"	"
REBECCA	"	"	"
ELIZABETH	"	"	"
SARAH	"	"	"
BELLE	"	"	"

POSTULANT.....L. L. WILLIAMS.

Candidates for Priest's Orders.

REV. ARTHUR PERRY GREENLEAF, (DEACON.)

STEWART McQUEEN. FOSTER B. TERRELL.

Lay Readers.

EDWIN SHEILD, Uniontown.
JAS. H. FITTS, Tuscaloosa.
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DAVID BUELL, Greenville.
DAVID H. MINGE, Fairsdale.
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D. P. HURLEY, Troy.
J. H. HINE, Athens.
D. POYNER, Eutaw.
STANHOPE BRASFIELD, Forkland.
CHAS. L. STICKNEY, Greensboro.
EDW'D L. STICKNEY, Greensboro.
A. BENNERS, Greensboro.
W. D. WHETSTONE, Prattville.
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A. L. KRON, Decatur.
JAS. W. HALL, Geneva.
J. R. ENDER, Columbia.
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PETER DOX, Huntsville.
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REVS. GEO. H. HUNT. H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D. THOS. J. BEARD.

REV. ALEX. I. DRYSDALE.

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Wm. H. Ross.*

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V. Gayle Snedecor,*
Robt. W. Withers*
W. H. Locke,*
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Joel White,*
Josiah Morris,*
John L. Cobbs.0

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N. H. R. Dawson,
Ed. G. Gregory,
John White,
Daniel Partridge.

Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

S. D. Cabaniss,
L. P. Walker,
D. P. Lewis,
J. R. Stevens,
W. L. Clay.

Trinity Church, Mobile.

Laban A. George,*
F. J. McCoy,*
Robert Adams.
W. C. Black.

Trinity Church, Union Springs.

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St. Timothy's Church, Athens.

J. H. HINE.*

Grace Church, Anniston.

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WALTON GLOVER,*
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Those marked thus (*) were not in attendance.

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St. Peter's Church, Talladega.

RANSOM NICKLES,*
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OTIS NICKLES.*

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

THE Fiftieth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, assembled in the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, May 11th, 1881.

Morning Prayer was said at 11 o'clock A. M., and the Sermon was preached by Rev. J. A. HARRISON, D. D., from the text:

JEREMIAH: Ch. 6, verse 16.—"Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the old way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by Rev. Dr. BANISTER, Rector of the Parish.

At 2½ o'clock P. M. the Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. President, who presented the following

List of Clergy Entitled to Seats in the Convention of 1881.

RT. REV. RICHARD H. WILMER, D. D.

REV. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.,	REV. R. W. BARNWELL,
" THOS. J. BEARD,	" CHAS. E. CABANISS,
" WALLACE CARNAHAN,	" R. H. COBBS, D. D.,
" ALEX. J. DRYSDALE,	" GEO. M. EVERHART, D. D.
" JOHN B. GRAY,	" GEO. W. HUNT,
" JAS. S. JOHNSTON,	" F. B. LEE,
" JOHN A. HARRISON, D. D.,	" B. F. MOWER,
" W. J. PERDUE,	" S. U. SMITH,
" J. F. SMITH,	" W. A. STICKNEY,
" H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D.,	" J. H. TICKNOR,
" DEB. WADDELL	" JAS. A. VAN HOOSE.

The Secretary of the last Convention called the List as thus presented, and the following answered to their names:

RT. REV. RICHARD H. WILMER, D. D.

REV. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.,
" CHAS. E. CABANISS,
" ALEX. J. DRYSDALE,
" JAS. S. JOHNSTON,
" S. U. SMITH,
" H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D.,
" R. W. BARNWELL,
" WALLACE CARNAHAN,
" GEO. M. EVERHART, D. D.,
REV. F. B. LEE,
" J. F. SMITH,
" DEB. WADDELL,
" T. J. BEARD,
" R. H. COBBS, D. D.,
" JOHN A. HARRISON, D. D
" B. F. MOWER,
" W. A. STICKNEY.

As provided for by Canon, the Treasurer of the Diocese presented the following list of Parishes entitled to representation in the Convention:

Christ Church, Mobile.
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.
St. John's Church, Montgomery.
St. Paul's Church, Selma.
St. Thomas' Church, Greenville.
Trinity Church, Florence.
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.
St. John's Church, Mobile.
St. Paul's Church, Decatur.
Trinity Church, Mobile.
Church of the Advent, Birmingham.
St Luke's Church, Jacksonville.
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.
Grace Church, Portland.
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.
Trinity Church, Demopolis.
Trinity Church, Union Springs.
St. James' Church, Eufaula.
St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene.
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.
Montevallo Mission.
St. Peter's Church, Talladega.

The List of Parishes so entitled was then called, and Credentials of Lay Deputies were presented and referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. BEARD, WADDELL and CABANISS.

This Committee reported the following Lay Deputies entitled to seats:

Christ Church, Mobile.

F. B. Clark, Robert Middleton,
Daniel McNeil, J. C. Hamilton, W. H. Ross.

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

H. H. Cribbs, W. A. Cochran,
J. H. Fitts, E. A. C. Snow, Robert Jamison.

Trinity Church, Demopolis.

C. B. Whitfield, D. F. Prout,
J. R. Robertson, F. S. Lyon.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.

R. M. Nelson, N. H. R. Dawson,
Ed. G. Gregory, John White, Daniel Partridge.

Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

S. D. Cabaniss, L. P. Walker,
D. P. Lewis, J. R. Stevens, W. L. Clay.

St. James' Church, Eufaula.

W. H. Bray. A. H. Merrill,
J. H Whitlock, T. W. Toney, H. C. Hart.

Trinity Church, Mobile.

Laban A. George, F. J. McCoy,
Robert Adams, W. C. Black.

St. John's Church, Mobile.

James Bond, Dan Harris,
Geo. B. Cleveland, Arthur Jones, P. C. Candidus.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

Edwin Shield, J. W. Bush,
H. F Huntley, J. M. Langhorne.

St. Thomas' Church, Greenville.

David Buell, C. B. Herbert, E. Crenshaw.

St. Peter's Church, Talladega.

Ransom Nickles, John H. Slaughter, Otis Nickles.

Trinity Church, Union Springs.

D. F. McCall.

Church of the Advent, Birmingham.

R. H. Pearson, Edgar L. Clarkson,
Ellis Phelan, Peyton G. King, J. P. Mudd.

St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.

Jacob F. Dailey, Peyton Rowan.

Athens Mission.

J. H. Hine.

Scottsboro Mission.

J. J. W. Payne.

Their names being called, the following were found to be present, viz:

MESSRS. F. B. CLARK,	MESSRS. R. MIDDLETON,	MESSRS. ROBERT JAMISON,
C. B. WHITFIELD,	R. M. NELSON,	ED. G. GREGORY,
S. D. CABANISS,	L. P. WALKER,	D. P. LEWIS,
J. R. STEVENS,	W. L. CLAY,	W. H. BRAY,
H. C. HART,	ROBERT ADAMS,	W. C. BLACK,
D. F. MCCALL,	J. H. HINE,	J. J. A. PAYNE.

A quorum being present, the President announced the Convention duly organized.

Rev. R. H. COBBS, D. D., was nominated and elected Secretary.

Applications for admission into union with the Convention were made by the missions at Anniston, Athens, Forkland and Scottsboro; and, on motion, were referred to a Committee, consisting of Rev. Mr. BARNWELL, Rev. Mr. JOHNSTON and Mr. H. C. HART.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the sessions of the Convention shall continue daily from 9 o'clock A. M. to 2½ o'clock P. M.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 9 A. M. Thursday.

SECOND DAY.

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA,
May 12th, 1881.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After Prayers by the President, the Convention was called to order. The Roll was called and a quorum found to be present.

The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Certificate of Election of Lay Deputies was presented from Trinity Church, Florence, and Mr. H. B. LEE, from that Parish, appeared and took his seat.

The following Standing Committees were announced by the President:

Committee on the State of the Church—Reverends W. A. Stickney, F. B Lee, J. F. Smith, B. F. Mower, J. S. Johnston, Chas. E. Cabaniss, Messrs. W. H. Bray, J. H. Hine, J. J. A. Payne, W. C. Black, W. L. Clay, H. B. Lee.

Committee on Canons.—Reverends H. Stringfellow, D. D., J. M. Banister, D. D., S. U. Smith, Messrs. L. P. Walker, F. B. Clark, D. P. Lewis.

Committee on Finance.—Messrs. R. M. Nelson, H. C. Hart, S. D. Cabaniss, Robert Adams, Robert Middleton, C. B. Whitfield, C. L. Stickney, Reverends A. J. Drysdale, T. J. Beard, R. W. Barnwell, Geo. M. Everhart, D. D., Wallace Carnahan.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D., Mr. D. F. McCall.

Two Communications from the General Convention were Presented, and referred—one to the Committee on Finance, the Other to the Committee on Canons.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese presented the following Annual Communication:

The Standing Committee report that they organized April 30th, by the election of Rev. THOMAS J. BEARD President, and JAMES BOND, Esq., Secretary.

On the same day, they signed Testimonials of Rev. A. K. HALL, Deacon, applying for Priest's Orders.

November 15th, 1880—Signed Testimonials in favor of FOSTER B. TERRELL, applying to be admitted Candidate for Holy Orders.

February 21st, 1881—Signed Testimonials of ARTHUR P. GREENLEAF, applying to be ordered Deacon.

THOMAS J. BEARD,
President.

The following Report was received and read:

The Committee to whom was referred the papers of the Parishes seeking to be admitted into union with the Convention of the Diocese, respectfully report, that they have examined the papers of Grace Church, Anniston; St. John's Church, Forkland; St. Luke's Church, Scottsboro; and St. Timothy's Church, Athens, and find said papers to be in due form.

The Committee offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, That Grace Church, Anniston; St. John's Church, Forkland; St. Luke's Church, Scottsboro; and St. Timothy's Church, Athens, be admitted into union with the Convention of the Diocese.

R. W. BARNWELL,
Chairman.

These Parishes, on motion, were one by one admitted into union with the Convention.

Delegates were already in attendance from Athens and Scottsboro, and Certificates of Election were presented by the other two Parishes, and the following persons were declared to be entitled to seats:

Grace Church, Anniston.

DAN. TYLER, STEPHEN N. NOBLE.
R. P. HUGER, GEO. NOBLE, L. D. PARSONS.

St. John's Church, Forkland.

WALTON GLOVER, M. BRASSFIELD,
WILLIAMSON GLOVER.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo County; St. Paul's Church, Greensboro; and St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion, were declared to be entitled to representation; and the names of their Lay Deputies being called, Mr. C. L. STICKNEY, of Greensboro, and Mr. E. B. THOMPSON, of Marion, appeared and took their seats.

The Bishop of the Diocese then read his Annual Address. (See Appendix A.)

On motion, the statistical portion of this Address was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the remarks of the Bishop in regard to the Convocational system of the Diocese be made the Order of the Day at 12 o'clock Friday—the Convention going into a Committee of the Whole on the State of the Church.

The Parochial Reports were then presented, and with all other reports in regard to Church work, were, on motion, referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Convention then proceeded to vote by ballot for the Standing Committee of the Diocese; the Rev. DEB. WADDELL and Mr. H. C. HART being appointed tellers. The balloting resulted in the election of

Rev. THOS. J. BEARD,	Mr. F. B. CLARK,
Rev. ALEX. J. DRYSDALE,	Mr. JAMES BOND,
Rev. J. S. JOHNSTON,	Mr. W. G. JONES.

The Reports of the Treasurer of the Diocese, the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, and the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund were presented, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following Report was received and read:

To the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama:

The undersigned, Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, beg leave to report, that no change has been made in any of the securities belonging to the Fund since their last report, except that Seventy-five Dollars have been collected on the note of SAM'L EDWARDS, which is in the hands of the Trustees uninvested, and thus leaving balance due on this note of Two Hundred and Three 70-100 Dollars. An order has been given by the Treasurer of the Fund to purchase a $100.00 Alabama Bond, Class A, for the purpose of reinvesting the above amount collected on note of SAM'L EDWARDS.

In accordance with the order of the last Convention, the Treasurer on

the fourteenth day of May, 1880, insured the Hamner Hall property for Five Thousand Dollars, for one year, as follows: $4,000.00 in the Central City Insurance Company, of Selma, and $1,000.00 in the Commercial Insurance Company, of Montgomery, Alabama, at a cost of $87.50. This insurance will be renewed, unless the Treasurer is otherwise instructed by the Convention.

We are informed that Hamner Hall is in excellent condition, being well kept up by Rev. GEORGE M. EVERHART, D. D.; but we are unable to report what repairs and improvements have been put upon the buildings by him, under the agreement between the Bishop and himself. This matter is under the exclusive charge of the Bishop, under the resolution of the Convention of 1879.—See proceedings of Convention, Journal 1879, p. 25, and Journal 1880, p. 17. The Trustees take it for granted that the Bishop Cobbs Orphan Home has been insured and is kept in good repair, by the Vestry of St. John's Parish, Montgomery, according to the terms of the purchase of this property. —Journal 1879, pp. 23 and 24.

We have no suggestions to make in regard to the securities belonging to the Fund.

The Alabama Bonds, Class A, are now quoted in New York at 72, and will probably increase in value, as the rate of interest after the first day o July next will advance from two to three per cent.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. H. R. DAWSON.
H. C. HART.

May 11th, 1881.

On motion, the Report was ordered to be entered in the Minutes.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund be instructed, on the expiration of the insurance upon the Hamner Hall property, to insure said property for a period of five years.

On motion, Mr. ROBERT MIDELETON was elected Treasurer of "The Diocesan Missionary Fund."

The Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese of Alabama for the University of the South was presented and read, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix.

On motion, Mr. D. F. McCALL was elected Diocesan Printer.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Convention desires to place upon record its sense of the loss the Diocese has sustained in the death of Mr. HENRY FARROW, for so many years Diocesan Printer, and to express its high appreciation of his Christian character and faithfulness.

On motion, the Secretary of the Convention was instructed to send a copy of the above resolution to the widow of the deceased

The Report of Mr. JAMES BOND was presented and read, and his resignation of the office of Registrar was tendered and accepted.

Mr. T. GARDNER FOSTER, of Montgomery, was nominated, and, on motion, elected Registrar of the Diocese.

Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, Mr. N. H. R. DAWSON and Mr. H. C. HART were nominated and elected Trustees of the University of the South.

On motion, the Bishop of the Diocese was empowered to fill any vacancy that might occur in the number of said Trustees.

A communication from the President and Secretary of the American Church Building Commission was presented, and, on motion, referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. GEORGE M. EVERHART, D. D., Mr. W. H. BRAY, Mr. S. D. CABANISS.

The Convention then voted by ballot for Trustees of the Bishop's Fund; Rev. J. S. JOHNSTON and Mr. D. F McCALL being appointed tellers. The balloting resulted in the election of Messrs. N. H. R. DAWSON, JOSIAH MORRIS and H. C. HART; Mr. DAWSON being designated as Treasurer.

On motion, the election of Deputies to the General Convention was postponed till the next Convention.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the next Annual Session of the Convention be held in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Canons be postponed till the next Convention.

On motion, the order for daily sessions was reconsidered; and the Convention adjourned till 10 o'clock Friday morning.

THIRD DAY.

HUNTSVILLE, May 13th,
10 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and after prayers, was called to order by the President. The Roll was called, and a quorum found to be present.

The Rev. JOHN B. GRAY appeared and took his seat.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

On motion, Mr. WM. BARNEWALL was elected Treasurer of the Diocese.

The following report was received and read:

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the official notice received from the Secretary of the House of Deputies of the General Convention of a proposed change of the Book of Common Prayer, to-wit:

"*Resolved*, That the ratification of the Book of Common Prayer be amended so as to read as follows; and that such proposed amendment be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, in order that it may be adopted in the next General Convention, according to Article VIII of the Constitution:

"'THE RATIFICATION OF THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

"'By the Bishops, the Clergy and the Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America in General Convention assembled.

"'The General Convention of this Church having heretofore, to-wit, on the Sixteenth Day of October, A. D. 1789, set forth and established a Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, and thereby established the said Book, and declared it to be the Liturgy of this Church, and required that it be received as such by all the members of the same, and be in use from and after the First Day of October, 1790: the same Book is hereby ratified and confirmed and ordered to be the use of this Church from this time forth.

"'But note, however, that on days other than Sunday, Christmas Day the Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and Ascension Day, it shall suffice if the Minister begin Morning or Evening Prayer at the General Confession, or the Lord's Prayer, preceded by one or more of the sentences appointed at the beginning of Morning and Evening Prayer; and end after the collect for Grace, or the collect for aid against Perils, with 2 Cor. xiii, 14: using so much of the Lessons appointed for the day, and so much of the Psalter as he shall judge to be for edification.

"'And note also, that on any day, when Morning and Evening Prayer shall have been duly said, or are to be said, and upon days other than those first afore mentioned, it shall suffice, when need may require, if a Sermon or Lecture be preceded by at least the Lord's Prayer, and one or more collects found in this Book. Provided that no Prayers not set forth in said Book, or otherwise authorized by this Church, shall be used before or after such Sermon or Lecture.

"'And note further, also, that on any day, the Morning Prayer, the Litany, or the order for the administration of the Lord's Supper, may be used as a separate and independent service. Provided that no one of these services shall be disused habitually.'"

beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama hereby gives its assent to the proposed change in the Book of Common Prayer.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the consideration of this Resolution be postponed till next Convention.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the Order of the Day, and went into a Committee of the Whole on the State of the Church.

After an interesting discussion, the Committee rose and the Convention resumed its session.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention that order should be taken by the Bishop of the Diocese for the preservation, sale or removal of the Church Building, and other Church Property, in St. Luke's Parish, Cahaba; and he is hereby requested to act in this behalf at his earliest convenience.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 10 o'clock A. M. Saturday.

FOURTH DAY.

HUNTSVILLE, May 14th, 1881.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and, after Prayers, was called to order by the President.

The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Mr. R. H. PEARSON, of Birmingham, appeared and took his seat.

Articles of association were presented from St. Mark's Church, Troy, and were referred to the proper Committee—Rev. J. B. GRAY being substituted for Rev. J. S. JOHNSTON, who had left the Convention. That Committee made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Parishes seeking admission into union with the Convention of the Diocese, have examined the papers of St. Mark's Church, Troy, and find them in due form.

The Committee offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, That St. Mark's Church, Troy, be admitted as a Parish into union with the Convention of the Diocese.

On motion, this Resolution was adopted.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were presented and read:

WHEREAS, The Church in the Diocese of Alabama has at this time entered upon the fiftieth year of its organization; and

WHEREAS, In looking over the history of the past we cannot fail to recognize the fulfillment of the LORD'S promise, "Lo, I am with you always;" therefore,

Resolved, That we, the Bishop, Clergy and Laity, in council assembled do hereby place upon record a sense of our devout thankfulness to Almighty GOD for His watchful care and guidance in the past, and implore His continued presence in the future.

Resolved, That we remember, with gratitude, all those who, in the earlier days of the Church's history, labored and suffered for her extension, and who having now finished their course, do rest from their labors.

Resolved, That Rectors of various Parishes and Mission Stations in the Diocese be requested to collect such facts in reference to the organization and history of the Parish or Mission under their charge, as will be of interest to the future historian of the Church in Alabama, so as to be read at the next Convention, and thereafter be deposited with the Registrar of the Diocese.

On motion, this resolution was adopted unanimously, by a standing vote.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby returned to the various Railroad Companies who have extended courtesies to the members of this body.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of Four be appointed to take order for the proper observance of the Semi-Centennial of the Diocese of Alabama.

Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D., Rev. R. H. CORBS, D. D., Mr. C. T. POLLARD and Mr. JOEL WHITE were appointed said Committee.

The following was presented and read:

The Committee on Finance beg to make the following Reports on the different matters referred to them:

ACCOUNT OF TREASURER OF BISHOP'S FUND.

The Committee have examined and audited this account, and find that since the last Convention the Treasurer has received from all sources the sum of..... $864.00
That he has expended the sum of..... 789.00

Leaving in his hands for reinvestment..... $ 75.00

ACCOUNT OF TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

The Committee have also examined the accounts of WM. BARNEWALL, the Treasurer of the Diocese, and find that he has received from all sources, including the balance on hand at the last Convention, the sum of... $4,545.39
And that he has properly disbursed, under the orders of the Convention..... 4,478.72

Leaving in his hands a balance of..... $ 66 67

ACCOUNT OF TREASURER OF DIOCESAN MISSIONARY FUND.

The Committee have also audited and examined the accounts and vouchers of ROBERT MIDDLETON, as Treasurer of the said Fund, and find that he has received, including the balance then on hand, since the date of the last Convention, the sum of..... $1,404.47
And has expended upon the order of the Bishop of the Diocese..... 940.35

Leaving a balance on hand of..... $ 464.12

All of which is respectfully submitted.

On motion, this report was received and concurred in.

The Committee on Finance beg to report that the following are the

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1881-2.

For arrears salary due Bishop for 1880-81	$ 300.00
Bishop's salary, 1881-2	4,000.00
premium on life insurance policy of Bishop	125.00
Printing Journal, etc	150.00
Expenses of Convention	15.00
Secretary of the Convention	100.00
Treasurer of the Convention	50.00
	$4,740.00

To raise this sum your Committee have the following

RESOURCES FOR 1881-2.

Balance cash in hands of Treasurer	$ 66.67	
Arrears for 1880-1 ("Schedule B," attached)	398.00	
Interest on Bishop's Fund	700.00	
Assessments of Parishes ("Schedule A," attached)	4,010.00	$5,174.67
Showing excess of Resources over Liabilities of		$ 434.67

The Committee would again urge upon the Parishes the necessity of making quarterly payments of the assessments to the Treasurer, instead of waiting, as most do, until the assembling of the Convention to discharge their obligations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. C. HART,
S. D. CABANISS,
ROBERT ADAMS,
ROB'T MIDDLETON,
C. B. WHITFIELD,
C. L. STICKNEY,
R. M. NELSON,
REVS. A. I. DRYSDALE,
T. J. BEARD,
R. W. BARNWELL,
GEO. M. EVERHART, D. D.
WALLACE CARNAHAN.

SCHEDULE A.

ASSESSMENT 1881.

St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill	$ 25.00
St. Michael's Church, Marengo county	50.00
St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene	25 00
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw	50.00
Grace Church, Portland	20.00
St. Paul's Church, Decatur	25.00

St. Paul's Church, Whistler	$ 15 00
Church of the Advent, Birmingham	60.00
St. John's Church, Mobile	200 00
St. John's Church, Montgomery	650.00
St. James' Church, Livingston	50.00
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro	150.00
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro	30.00
St. James' Church, Eufaula	125.00
St. Peter's Church, Talladega	20.00
St. Thomas' Church, Greenville	40.00
St. Mary's Church, Evergreen	10.00
Trinity Church, Union Springs	10.00
St. Paul's Church, Selma	325.00
St Wilfrid's Church, Marion	50 00
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	150.00
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville	30.00
Emanuel Church, Opelika	20.00
St. Luke's, Jacksonville	25.00
St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville	10.00
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville	325.00
Trinity Church, Demopolis	120.00
St. Andrew's Church, Macon	45.00
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	60.00
Christ Church, Mobile	650.00
Trinity Parish, Mobile	325.00
St. Timothy's, Athens	20.00
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia	15 00
St. David's Church, Dallas County	10.00
Grace Church, Clayton	30.00
St. Mary's Church, Camden	10.00
Montevallo Mission	15.00
Grace Church, Morgan County	25.00
Grace Church, Anniston	75.00
St. Mark's Church, Prattville	15.00
St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville	20.00
St. Alban's, Gainesville	10.00
Trinity Church, Florence	15.00
St. Luke's Church, Scottsboro	10.00
St. John's Church, Falkland	15.00
Gadsden Mission	10.00
Cross Plains Mission	5.00
St. Mark's Parish, Troy	20.00
	$4,010.00

SCHEDULE B.

PARISHES IN ARREARS.

Emanuel Church, Opelika	$45.00
Grace Church, Clayton	60.00
Grace Church, Morgan county	25.00
St Andrews Parish, Hayneville	20.00
St. Andrews Parish, Macon	13.00
St. Albans Church, Gainesville	20.00
St. Davids Church, Uniontown	10.00
St. James Parish, Livingston	50.00
St. Lukes " Cahaba	10.00
St. Marks " Prattville	15.00
St. Marys " Evergreen	20.00
St. Mathews " Autaugaville	40.00
St. Pauls " Lowndesboro	30.00
St. Pauls " Whistler	15.00
St. Marys " Camden	20.00
St. Pauls " Spring Hill	5.00
	$398.00

On motion, this report was received and concurred in.

The following was received and read:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the communication from the General Convention, asking for an expression of opinion from the several Dioceses relating to the expenses of the Deputies to the General Convention, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention that it is best that the General Convention shall not undertake to provide for the expenses of the Clerical and Lay Deputies to the General Convention.

This resolution was, on motion, adopted.

The Committee on the State of the Church presented the following report, which was received and concurred in:

The exhibits of work done the past year in the Diocese, as furnished by the laborers, have been examined with care by your Committee, not without encouraging results in various directions.

Omitting the mention of statistics, there is an increase of confirmations over several years last past; while the Bishop has been unable, from unusual resistance offered by the weather, to complete his annual visitations. The list of communicants is notably marked by growth.

We note also, that some five of the Missionary outposts have crystallized into organizations, and applied for admission into the Convention.

A number of Churches are reported as in course of erection and repair

In the resurrection of Hamner Hall School at Montgomery by its energetic Rector, and the successful operation of its short new life, under his competent, skillful convoyance, the efficiency of our Diocesan machinery is vastly improved. Indeed, the benefits cannot be told of a truly churchly institution, wherein our daughters shall receive safe spiritual instruction with their mental. It would prove a missionary nursery, diffusing and permeating in its holy influences.

From our convocational organization, as canonically existing, we may confidently hope for a more effective missionary activity, that shall make aggression, even with our present force of workers.

This very cursory report on the outward appearances of the Temple from our present standpoint, reminds us of the vastly more important one that cannot be made. The inner life, "the life hid with CHRIST in GOD," is the great one Temple to which all our confirmations and communions and contributions, and missionary and school enterprises, are directed and but intended to build up. As details of vast moment, they will all doubtless enter in that last final report.

We cannot but record the falling off of general collections for various benefactions, within and without the diocese. But, the Committee and the whole Church were prepared to expect this. We are all too sadly aware of the depressed agricultural condition of our country.

Nothing short of the power of GOD'S all-pervading Spirit is sufficient to animate us in these and all our works which we undertake for His glory.

W. A. STICKNEY, *Chairman.*

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Convention cordially approves of the great temperance movement recently inaugurated in the Church of England, and now extending in the Church in this country; and do hereby recommend to the various Rectors of Parishes and Missions the adoption of the scheme recommended by the Association.

The following was presented and read.

The Committee to whom was referred the action of the Board of Missions in regard to the provision of means for the extension of Church Building, beg leave to report, that in accordance with the recent action of the Board of Missions, there was organized in October, 1880, under the name of the "American Church Building Fund Commission," (a branch of its missionary operations,) in order to secure one million of dollars within the next three years, as a Centennial Offering to GOD, for the purpose of aiding in the building of Churches, either by donations from incomes, or loans, under sufficient security, direct from the capital, as investments. The aid proposed is to be extended to communities in any Diocese, or Missionary jurisdiction needing help. As the purpose seems to be unsectional and general in its proposed benefactions, and willing to aid those unable to help themselves, wherever found, it is the sense of this Committee, in view of the momentous

claims of this character upon the Church, that we adopt the suggestions of the Board of Missions with regard to the matter in question, and therefore beg to offer the following:

Resolved, That the Local Committee, consisting of Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D., and Mr. R. M. NELSON, appointed by the aforesaid Commission for carrying out the purposes of the Commission, in the securement of funds from this Diocese, be and are hereby authorized to act in that capacity, but in harmony with the views of the Bishop.

GEO. M. EVERHART, *Chairman.*
S. D. CABANISS.
W. H. BRAY.

On motion, the Report was received and the Resolution adopted.

On motion, the Treasurer of the Diocese was instructed to pay the Sexton of Church of the Nativity $10.00.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Registrar of the Diocese be instructed to furnish at the next Convention a complete list of all the papers relating to the Diocese in his possession.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the next session of this Convention shall be held on the fourth Wednesday in April, 1882, being the 26th day of the month.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have printed 500 copies of the Journal.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until after service tonight.

HUNTSVILLE, May 15th, 1881.

The Convention was called to order, and the Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due, and are hereby tendered, to the officers of the United States Court for the use of their courtroom for the sessions of the Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned *sine die.*

RICH'D H. WILMER,
Bishop of Alabama and President of the Convention.

R. H. COBBS, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX A.

Bishop Wilmer's Annual Statement,

OF HIS OFFICIAL LABORS,

TO THE

CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA,

1880--1881.

Dear Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

1880.--April 28th.—I met the Annual Convention of the Diocese in the Church of the Advent, Birmingham; and, after a sermon by the Rev. J. S Johnston, made an address to the congregation and celebrated Holy Communion. The remainder of the week was spent in attendance upon religious services and the business sessions of the Convention.

May 2nd.—(5th Sunday after Easter.)—I preached at Church of The Advent, confirming 17 persons and celebrating Holy Communion. In the afternoon, met the children of the Sunday School and addressed them. At night, after a sermon by the Rev. J. S. Johnston, I made an address to the congregation and concluded the exercises of the Convention.

May 9th—(Sunday after Ascension.)—Preached at Evergreen; in the afternoon met the children of the congregation, and baptized 3 children; at night preached again.

May 16th.—(Whitsunday.)—Held service at Spring Hill.

May 17th.—Baptized an infant at Spring Hill. Married a couple at Spring Hill.

May 23rd—(Trinity Sunday.)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion.

May 30th.—(1st Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at Bon Secour; confirmed 9 persons and celebrated Holy Communion. This was a most interesting visitation to an earnest-minded flock, gathered together by the labors of the Rev. Mr. Roberts.

June 4th.—Held the examination of Rev. Chas. E. Cabaniss, for Priest's Orders; Rev's. Messrs. Beard and Drysdale being examiners.

June 6th —(2nd Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Whistler ; confirmed 2 persons and celebrated Holy Communion. After service, confirmed a sick person in private

June 10th.—Held an examination of Rev A Kinney Hall, for Priest's Orders; Rev's. Messrs. Beard and Drysdale being examiners.

June 11.—(St. Barnabas' Day.)—Held an ordination at St. John's Church, Mobile, and ordered Priests Rev's. Messrs. Chas. E. Calaniss and A. Kinney Hall, candidates presented by Rev. T. J Beard, who, with Rev. Alex. I. Drysdale, gave the required certificate; sermon by the Rev. J. S. Johnston; Holy Communion celebrated by myself.

June 13th.—(3rd. Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile.

June 16th.—At the request of the officiating Minister and of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Tennessee, I visited Pulaski, Tenn.; preached morning and evening and confirmed 5 persons; celebrating, also, Holy Communion.

June 20th.—(4th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at the Episcopal High School of Virginia.

June 22nd.—Delivered an address to the Fairfax and Blackford Societies of the same High School.

June 27th.—(5th Sunday after Trinity.)—Participated in services at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

July 4th—(6th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached and celebrated Holy Communion at Christ Church, Mobile.

July 11th —(7th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at Calvary Church, Pushmataha, Choctaw County; baptized 3 adults; confirmed 9 persons and celebrated Holy Communion,

July 18th.—(8th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile; in afternoon, assisting in services at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

July 19th.—Received in the Oratory of the "Church Home," Miss Belle Saxon as a Probationer for the Order of Deaconesses.

July 25th.—(9th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached and celebrated Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

July 27th.—Attended the funeral of Mr. Joseph W. Field, Treasurer of the Diocesan Mission Fund. Mr. Field had been, for many years, a faithful and earnest communicant of the Church; ever ready to do his part and generous to every good work to the extent of his ability. I lost in him an ever faithful friend.

July 28th.—Married a couple at Spring Hill.

August 1st —(10th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. John's Church Mobile.

August 2nd.—Started for Sewanee to attend a meeting of the Board of Trustees, and spent several days in discharge of the duties devolved upon me by the Board.

August 8—(11th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Sewanee.

August 15th.—(12th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

At this time I had fully concluded a conventional year's work. Most unexpectedly an opportunity offered itself of making a short trip to Europe of which I gladly availed myself. Accordingly, I transferred the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese to the Standing Committee thereof and left New York, for Liverpool, the 29th of August. After spending some days in Scotland, England, France and Canada, I returned to New York in time to take my part in the deliberations of the General Convention.

October 24th.—(22nd Sunday after Trinity.)—I Preached at Grace Church New York.

October 31st.—(23rd Sunday after Trinity.)—I preached morning and evening, at the Episcopal High School, of Virginia; baptizing an infant child at the request of the Rector in charge.

November 1st.—(All Saints' Day.)—I preached at same place.

November 14th.—(25th Sunday after Trinity.)—Held service at Spring Hill.

November 20th.—(Sunday before Advent.)—Held service at Spring Hill.

November 25th.—(Thanksgiving Day.)—Attended service at Trinity Church, Mobile, and, after a sermon by the Rector, made an address to the congregation.

November 28th.—(1st Sunday in Advent.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile.

December 5th.—(2nd Sunday in Advent.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Montgomery, morning and evening, celebrating, also, Holy Communion.

This was the first occasion on which the boys of the choir wore their appropriate vestments. Having just returned from the Old World, it seemed quite natural to me that all who led the worship of the people should be clothed in churchly vestments. Little by little the daughter church in America is putting on the clothing of the mother. What seems to some to be a departure and innovation is, in fact, but a *restoration*. The services of the church in Montgomery are very complete and churchly. We hope that here, and elsewhere, all that is seemly and beautiful in Ritual will ever be accompanied by all that is vital and spiritual; that the blossom and flower will develop into fruit.

December 6th.—Confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented by the Rector of St. John's Church, Montgomery.

December 7th.—Preached at St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, and baptized 2 children.

December 8th.—Preached again at same church and celebrated Holy Communion.

December 12th.—(3rd Sunday in Advent.)—Preached morning and evening at St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, at the latter service confirming 6 persons.

December 14th.—Consecrated St. Mark's Church, Boligee, and preached the consecration sermon. This church building is in part composed of the material of "St. Mark's," Fork of Greene. With the consent of a majority of the congregation, and with my approval, the building had been taken down and moved to Boligee, a station on the Alabama and Great Southern Railway. It will continue to be known as St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene; the building and congregation being in part the same and the geographical designation equally appropriate.

December 15th.—Preached at St. James' Church, Livingston, and celebrated Holy Communion. The parish was vacant at the time of my visitation, the Rev. Mr Hall having removed to the Diocese of Kentucky.

December 19th.—(4th Sunday in Advent.)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile.

December 25th.—(Christmas Day.)—Preached and celebrated Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

December 26th.—(Sunday after Christmas.)—Preached at same place

1881.—January 9th.—(1st Sunday after Epiphany.)—Held service at Spring Hill.

January 16th.—(Second Sunday after Epiphany.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile.

January 23rd.—(3rd Sunday after Epiphany.)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile.

January 29th.—Failed to reach Anniston and spent the day at Birmingham visiting the sick and afflicted.

January 30th.—(4th Sunday after Epiphany.)—Preached at Anniston. Since my visitation, the Rev. Wallace Carnahan has taken charge of the church in this place.

January 31st.—Preached at St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.

February 1st.—Preached at same place and confirmed 2 persons. In the evening of same day, I preached at St. Peter's Church, Talladega.

February 2nd.—Preached at same place and confirmed 2 persons.

February 3rd.—Spent the day in examining a candidate for Deacon's Orders.

February 6th.—(5th Sunday after Epiphany.)—Held Service at Spring Hill

February 13th...(Septuagesima Sunday.)—Preached, morning and evening, at St. James' Church, Eufaula, confirming 3 persons.

February 15th.—Preached, morning and evening, at Grace Church, Clayton, celebrating Holy Communion.

February 17th.—Preached at St. Mark's Church, Troy, morning and evening, celebrating Holy Communion and confirming 3 persons.

February 18th.—Preached at Union Springs.

February 19th.—Preached again at same place and celebrated Holy Communion, confirming, also, 2 persons.

February 20th.—(Sexuagesima Sunday.)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile

February 24th.—(St. Matthias' Day.)—At St. John's Church, Mobile, I set apart Miss Belle Saxon to the Order of Deaconess, the Rev. T. J. Beard presenting the candidate and the Rev. J. S. Johnston preaching the sermon. I also celebrated Holy Communion. This service was made particularly gratifying to me from the fact that the newly instituted Deaconess was one of our own Church Home girls, who devotes her life to the interests of the Home where she received her own nurture.

February 25th.—At Christ Church, Mobile, I made Deacon Arthur Perry Greenleaf; candidate presented by the Rev. Alex. I. Drysdale, who, with the Rev. T. J. Beard, had given certification of the candidate's proficiency in sacred learning; sermon by the Rev. T. J. Beard. Holy Communion was also celebrated. This Ordination was made especially interesting by the fact that the newly-ordained Deacon was a member of the congregation of Christ Church, in which he was made Deacon.

On same day I confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented by the Rev. T. J. Beard.

February 27th.—(Quinquagesima Sunday.) Participated in services at St. John's Church, Mobile.

March 6th.—(1st Sunday in Lent.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Whistler, and baptized a child

March 13th.—(2nd Sunday in Lent.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Selma, morning and evening, at the latter service confirming 4 persons.

March 16th.—Preached at St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion, morning and evening.

March 17th.—Preached at same church; confirmed 3 persons and celebrated Holy Communion.

March 19th.—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Greensboro.

March 20th.—(3rd Sunday in Lent.)—Preached at same church, morning and evening, confirming 9 persons and celebrating Holy Communion. I also addressed the children of the Sunday School.

March 22nd.—Preached at Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown, and celebrated Holy Communion.

March 23rd.—Preached again at same church.

March 24th.—Preached at St. Michael's Church, Marengo county, and celebrated Holy Communion.

March 26th.—Preached at St. Andrew's Church, Prairieville; confirmed 2 persons and celebrated Holy Communion.

March 27th.—(4th Sunday in Lent.)—Preached, morning and evening, at Trinity Church, Demopolis, at latter service confirming 3 persons.

March 28.—Preached again at same church and celebrated Holy Communion.

April 3rd.—(5th Sunday in Lent.)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile, and confirmed 15 persons.

April 10th.—(Sunday before Easter.)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile; confirmed 16 persons and celebrated Holy Communion.

April 15th.—(Good Friday.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, and celebrated Holy Communion.

April 17th.—(Easter Sunday.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile; confirmed 39 persons and celebrated Holy Communion. After public service I confirmed a sick person in private. Confirmed 41 persons in this Parish since last report.

April 24th.—(1st Sunday after Easter.)—Preached, morning and evening, at St John's Church, Montgomery, at the latter service confirming 24 persons.

April 26th —(Tuesday in Easter Week.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro; confirmed 1 person and celebrated Holy Communion. I also baptized an infant.

April 27th.—Preached at St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville; baptized an infant and celebrated Holy Communion.

April 28th.—Assisted the Rector of St. John's Church, Montgomery, at the funeral services of the late Dr. Holt, of that city. I was glad to have it in my power in this way to show my appreciation of that most estimable man and beloved physician.

April 29th.—Preached at St. Mark's Church, Prattville, and confirmed 2 persons.

April 30th.—Held a supplementary confirmation at St. John's Church, Montgomery, and confirmed 2 persons. Number confirmed in this Parish since last report, 27.

May 1st.—(2nd Sunday after Easter.)—Preached at the Church of the Advent, Birmingham, and confirmed 12 persons. Number confirmed in this Parish since last report, 29.

May 2nd.—Preached in same church and celebrated Holy Communion. This Parish has suffered greviously in the loss of some of her most earnest members. The service held this day was designed to be commemorative of the Blessed Dead—of the preciousness of their death in the sight of the Lord.

May 7th.—Participated in services at Christ Church, Tuscaloosa; sermon by Rev. Mr. Fitts, of Tennessee.

May 8th.—(3rd Sunday after Easter.)—Preached at Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, morning and evening, at latter service confirming 10 persons. I also baptized an infant.

May 9th.—Held an early celebration at the same church and made an address to the congregation.

Thus ended my official labors for the Conventional Year of 1880—1881.

SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL ACTS.

Baptisms - Infants 13; Adults 3 ..... Total,	16
Marriages	2
Funerals	2
Confirmations - In Tennessee 5; in Alabama 216	221
Deacons Ordained	1
Priests Ordained	2
Deaconesses Instituted	1
Churches Consecrated	1
Lay Readers Licensed	4

OFFICIAL NOTICES RECEIVED.

Notices of deposition of -

Chas. T. Kellogg ..... by the Bishop of New Jersey
Geo. W. Merrill ..... by the Bishop of Kansas.
M. A. Tyng ..... by the Bishop of New York.
M. W. S. Tucker ..... by the Bishop of Maine.

Notifications of rejection as candidates of -

Thomas S. Alfriend ..... by the Bishop of Virginia.
John A. Crockett ..... by the Bishop of Virginia.
Richard A Payne ..... by the Bishop of Virginia.
Joseph A. Tidey, dropped from list by his request, by the Bishop of New Jersey.

Notification of Restoration to the Ministry of -

Rev. J. W. Craeroft ..... by the Bishop of Ohio.
Rev. W. J. Lynd (sentence remitted) ..... by the Bishop of Colorado.

CLERICAL CHANGES.

I have transferred Rev. J. C. Davis to the Diocese of Georgia; Rev. A. K. Hall to the Diocese of Kentucky; Rev. Frank B. Ticknor (Deacon) to the Diocese of Georgia.

I have received into the Diocese as follows: Rev. John A. Harrison, D. D. from the Diocese of Tennessee and Rev. Wallace Carnahan from the Missionary Jurisdiction of Western Texas.

CLERICAL CHANGES WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Rev. W. A. Stickney has taken charge of Church of the "Holy Cross," Uniontown.

Rev. John A. Harrison is Rector of Trinity Church, Demopolis, and of St. Johns Church, Forkland.

Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D., has added St. Andrews Church, Prairieville, to his present charge.

Rev. Chas. E Cabaniss officiates at Scottsboro, Athens, Madison and Moorsville.

Rev. Wallace Carnahan is in charge of the church work at Anniston.

Rev. Geo. M. Everhart, D. D., is in charge of St. Thomas Church, Greenville.

CHURCH PROPERTY.

"CHURCH HOME" FUND.

The condition of this fund continues as at last report, save that I have added to the last reported investments a bond for $1,000 at 8 per cent., secured by mortgage. The condition of the two "Church Homes" continues substantially the same as at last report.

FUNDS OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS SOCIETY OF DECEASED CLERGY.

Since last Convention the Treasurer of said society has paid over to me $7,000, [less $12.25 for expressage]. This amount is deposited in bank and subject to the order of the society. With this amount in hand the cociety should resume active operations at once.

No change since last report in the condition of any other property subject to my control.

Upon a review of the past year I find no special subject for lengthened comment. The Diocese is substantially in the same condition that it has been for some years past. We have lost some of our clergy and have gained others. One of our number—the Rev. James D. Porter, Deacon—but recently ordained, has been removed from us by death. Perhaps, during no one year, within the history of the Diocese, have we been called to mourn the loss, by death, of so many of our earnest Laity. Messrs. J. W. Field and Henry Farrow, both long connected with the Convention by official ties, and both to be remembered for their faithful services. They have passed on to an exceeding great reward. Who will take their places?

We have many vacant fields of labor and I know not where to look for the men to fill them. We need the men who are already doing a good work elsewhere, and we can hold out no adequate inducement to such men to come among us. I see no possible relief except in the expansion of the permanent Deaconate. We should earnestly look out for good men whom we may appoint over this business. I have frequently, in former addresses, pressed this matter upon the attention of our Clergy and Laity. Permit me to recall to you a part of my address to the Convention of 1869. I do it with a special purpose in view.. I think that we should confer together upon this matter at an early day of this session, either in committee of the whole or in some other mode. I have in my mind several men, in different parts of the Diocese, who are intelligent, earnest and of exceedingly good report; men who would do a good work if they would overcome the diffidence bred of true modesty and recognize themselves as called of God to do some work in the ministry,

The extract from the Journal of 1869 to which I refer is as follows:

"I propose to indicate in the briefest way what I am doing, what I p-
"pose to do and what we must all do, if we would recruit upon some sure bas-
"the ranks of the Clergy and lay the foundation of growth for the Church
"time to come.

"Now have we not strangely drifted away from the practice of the Prim-
"tive and Apostolic Church in regard to the matter of the sacred ministry?
"We are waiting for men to feel themselves called to the exercise of the ministry.
"Are we calling men to the Ministry, as they were called in Apostolic times?
"When in the course of time, there was need of the Deaconate, did the Church
"wait until certain young men felt themselves called upon to exercise the office of
"a Deacon in the Church of God? Not at all! In fact, the men, who are
"most confident as to their call and fitness for the Ministry, are, as a general
"rule, most painfully deficient. Many men feel themselves called to the
"sacred Ministry whom the Church would never have called, and whom her
"Bishop must reluctantly and doubtingly ordain. No! Brethren, the Apos-
"tles called upon the multitude of believers—the Laity who are good judges
"of the men who are best fitted to minister unto them—to look out for men
"of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and of wisdom, whom they (the
"Apostles) might appoint over this business. Those men, thus called, obeyed
"the call. Was there, think ye, any less of reality in the calling of these
"men by the Holy Ghost, because they were audibly called by the voice of
"the Church? Do not the Spirit and the Bride both say 'come'? * * * * *
" * * And, brethren of the Clergy, let this thought pervade your ministry
"and your parochial visits from house to house. If we are all intent upon this
"matter, we shall, in a few years, reap the fruits of our diligence. In the
"meantime, we must provide for the present emergency. At all the strate-
"gic points of the Diocese we must have the ministry in some one of its grades.
"We must have the Deacon, who can bury the dead, baptize the penitent
"and celebrate the rites of matrimony according to the offices of the Church.
"Then, over certain sections of the Diocese, Presbyters may be appointed to
"visit, at stated times, the several points within his jurisdiction, to preach the
"word and celebrate the sacraments. With God's help I would so provide
"that within the borders of the Diocese no person should die without the op-
"portunity of Church burial, no child should be born without privilege of
"Church Baptism, no people should be married who could not have the bene-
"dictions of the Church upon their union. To such a consummation let us all
"work, continuously and advisedly, but steadily and surely."

Thus I wrote twelve years ago. Up to this time we have accomplished comparatively little in the direction indicated. I feel called upon to renew the earnest exhortations made at that time. I cannot accomplish a work so great and important without the co-operation of all orders in the Church. And just here, brethren, is the great difficulty to be surmounted. The Bishop,

for the most part, stands almost alone in those enterprises which look to the general welfare of the Diocese. The Clergy are absorbed in their parochial work and plans. They may, at any moment, feel called to leave the Diocese for work in another Diocese. It cannot be naturally expected that they should take an equal interest with the Bishop in Diocesan work. And, as for the Laity, they do not, as a general rule, look beyond their immediate localities. I refer to these facts, not to cast blame anywhere, but to show how isolated the Bishop is compelled to be in those matters which concern the general work of the Church.

Now, for a few days, we shall be together and in council. Once a year we leave our posts, where we seldom see the face of a brother clergyman, and come together for brotherly counsel. Let us make these few days profitable to ourselves and to the work in hand If there is anything encouraging in our fields of labor, let us hear of it and gather refreshment. The dry statistical details of Parish work we don't need to hear. They can be recorded on the Journal. But it cannot be that there is nothing of interest connected with our ministerial work, especially in those new fields of labor which are opening in the mineral regions whither men of all climes and languages are now rapidly congregating. I do trust that we shall be able to hit upon some plan for drawing us all nearer in heart, for gathering every item of interest and for the advancement of the good work with which the Lord has charged us Especially do I desire that we shall consider whether we cannot render more effective our convocations and our mission work. At present our convocation system has effected but little in the way of mission work. This whole subject may well demand our special consideration at this Convention.

May the Blessed Spirit descend upon us more abundantly, giving us a right judgment in all things and guiding all our deliberations.

Faithfully, yours,

RICH'D. H. WILMER,
Bishop of Alabama.

HUNTSVILLE, ALA., May 12, 1881.

APPENDIX B.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE—REV. ALEX. I. DRYSDALE, Rector.

May 9th, 1881.

Communicants—In 1880, 337; died, 3; removed, 2	Present No.	350
Sunday School—Teachers, 14; Scholars, 139	Total	153
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 34; Private, 8	Total	42
Baptisms		26
Confirmations		16
Marriages		5
Funerals		15
Number of months spent in Parish since lat Report		11
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$3,200.00	
Convention Fund	650.00	
Current Expenses	2,394.41—	$6,244.41
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	$ 326 00	
Benefactions	657.00—	983.00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Church Home	$1,428.70	
Diocesan Missions	505.09—	1,933.79
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	23.30	
University of the South	40.50—	63.80
Other Contributions for Church Purposes		136.00
Total Expenditures		$9,361.00

Remarks.—The Parish has lost, by death, Mr. Henry Farrow, for many years a member of its Vestry and its efficient Secretary. He was an honored and respected citizen, an earnest and devout Christian and a loyal and faithful Churchman.

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA—Rev. Geo. H. Hunt, Rector.

May 9th, 1881.

Baptisms		9
Confirmations—1; persons confirmed		10
Marriages		4
Burials		7
Communicants—Reported in 1880	166	
Since lost—by death, 1; by removal, 6	7—	159
Added—by removals, 10; by first Communion, 9		19
Present Number		178
Sunday School—Teachers, 10; pupils, 68	Total...	78
Celebrations of Holy Communion (in private, 1)		18
Number of Months spent in Parish since last Report		12
Collections—Weekly Offertory		$ 1,372.47
Offerings on special occasions		45.90
Offerings of Sunday School		53.38
By subscription list		13.50
Otherwise		594.75
Total Collections		$ 2,080.00
Appropriations—To Rector's Salary		$ 1,400.00
To Convention Assessment		
To Diocesan Missions		81.90
To the Poor		26.05
To the Sunday School		45.65
To Incidental Expenses		256.78
To Interest on Indebtedness		106.66
To Theo. Dep't. University of the South		10.00
Total Appropriations		$ 1,927.04

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO—Rev. R. H. Cobbs, Rector.

May 9th, 1881.

Communicants—In 1880, 122; died, 3	Present No...	127
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 45	Total...	51
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 14; private, 1;	Total...	15
Baptisms		8
Confirmations		9
Marriages		4
Funerals		7
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$ 869.60	
Convention Fund	150.00	
Current Expenses	29.90	
Repairs	18.00—	$1,067.50
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Memorial Window		174.30
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesesan Mission		120.60
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	10.00	
Foreign Missions	10.00	
University of the South	51.00—	71.00
Total Expenditures		$ 1,433.40

Remarks—Of the amount reported above, $148.00 were presented by the Sunday School at the Easter Festival.

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS—Rev. John A. Harrison, Rector.

May 9th, 1881.

Communicants—In 1880, 84; removed, 4; added, 4;.....Present No...	84
Sunday School—Teachers, 9; scholars, white 53, colored 75.....Total...	137
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public	9
Baptisms—White, 3; colored, 1.....Total...	4
Confirmations	3
Marriages	4
Funerals	1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report	4

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector, 4 months	$ 233.33	
Convention Fund	120.00	
Current Expenses	79.40	
Repairs	32.75	
Improvements on Rectory	386.75	
Paid on Debt on Rectory	181.00—	$ 1,033.23
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms, 4 Months		25.25
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Mission		31.00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South	17.65	
Church Work among the Jews (Good Friday Offering)	2.65—	20.30
Total Expenditures		$ 1,109.78

Remarks—The present Rector assumed charge on 9th of January last. He is absent per agreement with the Vestry, one fourth of his time, at a Mission in an adjoining county, where Lay reading is maintained.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LIVINGSTON.

THOMAS CORBS, Senior Warden.

May 10th, 1881.

Communicants—In 1880, 41; removed, 2	Present No.	39
Baptized Persons not Communicants		20
Total Parishioners		59
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 24;	Total	29

Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector	$ 295.52	
Repairs	43.75—	$ 339.27

Remarks—We have been without the services of a Rector since the resignation of Mr. Hall in October, 1880. Since then the church has been closed. The foregoing is as full and as correct as I can make it from the data accessible to me. We have no immediate prospect of obtaining the services of a Rector.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.

May 11th, 1881.

Communicants—In 1880, 478; died, 12; removed, 20	Present No.	487
Sunday School—Teachers, 30; scholars, 186	Total	216
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public, 30; private, 12	Total	42
Baptisms		25
Confirmations		27
Marriages		6
Funerals		24
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		10

Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector	$ 3,000.00	
Convention Fund	650.00	
Current Expenses	2,150.00	
Sunday School Offerings	737.00—	$ 6,537.00

Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—

Communion Alms	210.15	
Harvest Home Offerings	160.00—	370.15

Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions	230.13	
Missions in Montgomery Convocation	60.00—	290
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South	50.00	
Increase of the Ministry	50.00—	100
Total Expenditures		$ 7,297.2

Remarks—I have, since the last Convention, given occasional services at Prattville and Lowndesboro. The removal of Rev. Mr. Ticknor to Georgia, to whom these Parishes were entrusted by the Bishop, has produced a vacancy which I hope may be filled at an early day. Of the amount contributed to Missions $12.05 must be acknowledged from the scholars of Hamner Hall.

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, MARION—Rev. R. H. Cobbs, Rector.

May 6th, 1881.

Communicants—In 1880, 49; died, 1	Present No.	51
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 25	Total	31
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		13
Baptisms		3
Confirmations		3
Funerals		3
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$ 97.20	
Convention Fund	50.00	
Repairs	53.00—	$ 200.20

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA—Rev. R. W. Barnwell, Rector.

May 9th, 1881.

Communicants—In 1880, 215:	Present No.	219
Sunday School—Teachers, 11; scholars, 123	Total	134
Celebrations of Holy Communion		13
Baptisms		10
Confirmations		4
Marriages		5
Funerals		6
Number of Months spent in Parish since last Report		12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$ 1,500.00	
Convention Fund	325.00	
Current Expenses	984 99	
Repairs	100.00	
The Church Debt, in full	1,100.00—	$4,009.99
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Church Home	30.00	
Harvest Home	100.00—	130.00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South	110.00	
Sunday School offering for the year	191.00—	301.00
Other Contributions for Church Purposes		245.40
Total Expenditures		$ 4,686.39

Remarks—The Rector of St. Paul's takes great pleasure in saying that the last of the large debt upon this Church has been paid. St. Paul's Church congregation is anxiously looking forward to the consecration of the Church.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE—Rev. F. B. Lee, Rector.

May 2nd, 1881.

Communicants—In 1880, 64	Present No.	64
Baptized Persons not Communicants		61
Total Parishioners		125
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 40	Total	46
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public		11
Baptisms		3
Marriages		1
Funerals		5
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$ 187.75	
Convention Fund	30.00	
Repairs	141.51—	$ 359.26
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Chancel Furniture	101.15	
Communion Alms	70.95—	172.10
Charities and Benefactions Beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	5.00	
University of the South	12.35—	17.35
Other Contributions for Church Purposes		11.30
Total Expenditures		$ 560.01

Remarks—It is gratifying to be able to report that the spirit of Church improvement is very active in my Parish; not exclusively, though chiefly amongst the female members. This has manifested itself in the painting of the church externally—the interior having been previously done—also in the purchase of new Chancel furniture. To my Sunday School I am indebted for the gift of a handsome Altar.

TRINITY CHURCH, FLORENCE—Rev. B. F. Mower, Minister.

May 8th, 1881.

Communicants—In 1880, 45; removed, 5 ..... Present No...		40
Baptized Persons not Communicants		40
Total Parishioners		80
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 30 ..... Total...		35
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public		12
Baptisms		1
Confirmations—No visitation of the Bishop		
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		11
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$ 119.00	
Convention Fund	21.65	
Current Expenses	16.72—	$ 157.37
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	14.35	
Sunday School Easter offering	15.55	
Easter and Lent Offerings of Congregation	15.85—	45.75
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		3.60
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	3.75	
Foreign Missions	6.00—	9.75
Other Contributions for Church Purposes		2.80
Total Expenditures		$ 218.67

Remarks—The debt resting upon the Rectory has been liquidated by the Lent and Easter offerings, with help rendered by friends outside of the Parish. This property has been insured for three years. By the assistance of generous givers abroad it has been enlarged and improved.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TUSCUMBIA—Rev. B. F. Mower, Minister.

May 8th, 1881.

Communicants—In 1880, 34, removed, 1 ..... Present No...	33
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 30 ..... Total...	35

Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public 11
Baptisms—Adults, 1; infants, 3 ..... Total... 4
Confirmations—No visitation of the Bishop .....
Marriages 1
Funerals 1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report 11
Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector	$ 175 60	
Convention Fund	15.00	
Current Expenses	7.75—	$ 197 75

Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—

Communion Alms	9.55	
Easter Offering of Sunday School	20.30	
Easter Offering of Congregation	39.00—	68.85

Other Contributions for Church Purposes 6.45

Total Expenditures ..... $ 273.05

Remarks—The services of this Church are better attended than in previous years. The Sunday School is in an excellent condition. A memorial window has been put in, the past Spring, by the offerings of the Sunday School in memory of a former Superintendent, who, with his entire family, was killed when a tornado passed through the place some years ago.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE.

REV. J. M. BANISTER, Rector.

1881.

Communicants—In 1880, 255; died, 2; removed, 1 ..... Present No... 252
Sunday School—Teachers, 10; scholars, about 174 ..... Total... 184
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public, 17; private, 2 ..... Total... 19
Baptisms 11
Confirmations—No visitation by the Bishop before Convention .....
Marriages 1
Funerals 9
Number of Months spent in Parish since last Report 11
Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector	$ 1,800.00	
Convention Fund	325 00	
Current Expenses	251.00	
Repairs	1,258.00—	$ 3,634.00

Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—

Communion Alms	157.15	
Children's Easter Offering	430.00—	587.15

Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—	
Diocesan Missions	39 - 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—	
University of the South	12 - 45
Total Expenditures	$ 4,272 - 60

Remarks:—In consequence of the very expensive repairs on the Church, t [illegible] contributions of the Parish to other objects have been much less this year th[illegible] usual in times previous.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, UNIONTOWN.

REV. W. A. STICKNEY, Rector.

May 10th, 1881.

Communicants—In 1880, 55 reported; removed, 7 ..... Present No...		55
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 25 ..... Total...		30
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public		10
Baptisms		5
Funerals		4
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector ($250.00 promised) rec'd to date..... $	62.35	
Convention Fund	60.00	
Current Expenses	8.35	
Repairs	110.00—	$ 240.70
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		4.95
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South	7.70	
Promoting Christianity among the Jews	1.80—	9.50
Total Expenditures		$ 255.15

Remarks—My engagement with the Parish dates from mid-November last year, to occupy two Sundays a month. I have been able to give additional services on Ash Wednesdays, the Fridays in Lent and Good Friday, which were well attended. The vacant Sundays have been supplied with lay-reading since the Bishop's recent visitation. I have had services twice in Dayton, where are a few Church people. Other official acts rendered to organized Parishes enter duly in their Parochial Reports

JAMES' CHURCH, EUFAULA—HENRY R. SHORTER, Senior Warden.

April 23rd, 1881.

mmunicants—In 1880, 80; removed, 7; added, 2.....Present No...		78
lay School—Teachers, 6, scholars, 30.....Total...		36
tisms---Children.....		8
firmations.....		3
riages.....		1
erals.....		3
ochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector.....	$ 1,200.00	
Convention Fund.....	125.00	
Current Expenses.....	129.81	
Charities.....	29.20	—$ 1,484.01
rities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South.....		3.55
Total Expenditures.....		$ 1,487.56

emarks--Rev. J. C. Davis, Rector of this Parish, resigned and removed to Diocese of Georgia on the 29th day of March, 1881. The Parish is now hout a Rector. On account of the absence of the Rector, I am unable to ort the celebrations of Holy Communion.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE—REV. J. S. JOHNSTON, Rector.

May 5th, 1881.

nmunicants—In 1880, (cir.) 275; died, 4; removed, 3....Present No...		285
Total Parishioners, (cir.).....		500
day School—Teachers, 20; scholars, 150.....Total...		170
ebrations of Holy Communion—Public, 15; private, 9.....Total...		24
ptisms.....		22
nfirmations.....		15
rriages.....		15
nerals.....		17
mber of Months spent in the Parish since last Report.....		12
rochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector, (12 months including April).....	$ 1,800.00	
Convention Fund.....	325.00	
Current Expenses.....	927.02	
Repairs.....	952.00	—$ 4,004.02
arities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms.....	269.90	
Assistance to an old Member.....	10.00	— 279.90
arities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Church Home, (Bazaar).....	500.00	
Diocesan Missions.....	50.20	— 550.20

Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	14.20	
Foreign Missions	24.70	
University of the South	47.00	
Widows and Orphans of dec'd Clergymen	25.60—	111.50
Total Expenditures		$4,945.62

Remarks—There are about 420 names on the Parish Register, but the number reported above are all that the Rector can find residing within the city and vicinity.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, EUTAW.

REV. STEPHEN U. SMITH, Rector.

May 11th, 1881.

Communicants	Present No...	44
Total Parishioners		44
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 42	Total....	47
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public		14
Baptisms		5
Confirmations		6
Marriages		2
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		1
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$ 304.25	
Convention Fund	50.00	
Current Expenses	43.60—	$ 397.85
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		53.85
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	2.50	
Foreign Missions	2.50	
University of the South	10.10—	15.10
Total Expenditures		$ 466.80

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, FORK OF GREENE.

REV. STEPHEN U. SMITH, Rector.

May 11th, 1881.

Communicants	Present No...	11

Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public			7
Baptisms			2
Funerals			4
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$ 140.00		
Convention Fund	25.00		
Repairs	800.00	$ 965 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms			11.60
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
University of the South			3.50
Total Expenditures			$ 980.10

Remarks—Since the last Report St. Mark's Church has been moved to a point near Boligee Depot, on the line of the Alabama Great Southern Railroad, in Greene County, Alabama.

GRACE CHURCH, PORTLAND—REV. F. B. LEE, Rector.

May 2nd, 1881.

Communicants—In 1880, 45; died, 2; removed, 4.....Present No..		39
Baptized Persons not Communicants		35
Total Parishioners		74
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 11; private, 2....Total..		13
Marriages		1
Funerals		1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$ 95.00	
Convention Fund	20.00	
Current Expenses, not known to me		$115.00
Total Expenditures		$115.00

Remarks—Some repairs have been made to the church building and measures have been taken to put it generally in a style better adapted to the proper conducting of our services and sacraments.

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, MARENGO COUNTY.

DAVID MINGE, Senior Warden.

May 7th, 1881

Communicants	Present No...		28
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public			2
Baptisms			1
Marriages			1
Funerals			2
Parochial Expenditures—			
Convention Fund	50.00		
Current Expenses	11.95—	$ 61.[illegible]5	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		1.[illegible]5	
Total Expenditures		$ 63.9[illegible]0	

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MOBILE—REV. THOS. J. BEARD, Rector.

May 1st, 1881.

Communicants—In 1880, 624; died, 17; removed, 9	Present No...		63[illegible]
Baptized Persons not Communicants, not known			
Sunday School—Teachers, 25; scholars, 200	Total...		22[illegible]
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public, 76; private, 33	Total...		10[illegible]
Baptisms			6[illegible]
Confirmations			4
Marriages			4[illegible]
Funerals			5
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			1
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$ 1,601.59		
Convention Fund	209.00		
Current Expenses	323.95		
Repairs and Matting for Church	64.85		
Sunday School	103.35—	$2,293.65	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms	97.45		
Parish Aid Society for Poor	25.25—	122.70	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Church Home	450.00		
Diocesan Missions	90.00—	540.00	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions	15.00		
Foreign Missions	16.75		
University of the South	30.25—	62.00	
Total Expenditures		$ 3,018.35	

EMANUEL CHURCH, OPELIKA—REV. J. H. TICKNOR, D. D., Rector.

Communicants	Present No...	16
Baptisms—Infants		5
Funerals		1
Celebrations of Holy Communion		6
Collections, for all purposes, about		$ 70.00
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		6

Remarks—To the above must be added some four or five services performed in Tallassee, with the celebrations of Holy Communion, and the baptism of one infant. The total collections for all purposes being about $30.00

NOTE—My health, which had for some time been failing, was such, finally, that it was with difficulty I could render service, and, about the middle of November, I judged proper to remove to Atlanta, Ga. Since that date, and until two weeks ago, I have been quite incapacitated for service. I am now, I believe, perfectly restored. I have not deemed it proper to resign the Rectorship of Emanuel Church. Whether I shall do so will shortly be determined.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE—REV. J. F. SMITH, Rector.

May 1st, 1881.

Communicants—In 1880, 57; died, 3; removed, 2	Present No...	55
Baptized Persons not Communicants		50
Total Parishioners		105
Sunday School—Teachers, 7; scholars, 35	Total...	42
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public, 10; private, 2	Total...	12
Baptisms		4
Confirmations		4
Marriages		1
Funerals		8
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$ 125.00	
Current Expenses	10.00—$	135.00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		21.70
Total Expenditures		$ 156.70

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, GREENVILLE—REV. DR. EVERHART, Rector.

May 9th, 1881.

Communicants—In 1880, 61; died, 2; removed, 5.....Present No...53
Baptized Persons not Communicants, (including children)..... 40

Total Parishioners..... 93
Sunday School—Teachers, 8; scholars, 45.....Total...53
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public..... 4
Baptisms..... 3
Funerals..... 3
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report, every 2nd and 4th Sunday usually, since 1st of January, with occasional ministrations previously.

Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector	$ 63.00	
Convention Fund	40.00	
Current Expenses	26.45	
Rectory Fund	260.50	
Sunday School Purposes	53.80—	$ 443.75

Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—

Church Home	$ 15.00	
Diocesan Missions	25.00—	40.00
Total Expenditures		$ 483.75

Remarks—I accepted the Rectorship *ad interim*, and, except in July, August and September, minister twice a month. In those months I am absent from the Diocese.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, BIRMINGHAM—REV. J. B. GRAY, Rector.

May 1st, 1881.

Communicants—In 1880, 132; died, 6; removed, 5.....Present No... 147
Baptized Persons not Communicants (including children)..... 155

Total Parishioners..... 302
Sunday School—Teachers, 7; scholars, 86.....Total... 93
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public, 24; private, 3.....Total... 27
Baptisms.....19
Confirmations..... 29
Marriages..... 5
Funerals..... 14
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report..... 12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$ 800 00	
Convention Fund	60.00	
Current Expenses	176 30	
Repairs	51.70	
Building Rectory	692.00—	$1,780.00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	33.30	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions	10.00	
Widows of Deceased Clergymen	7.10—	17.10
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South		10.00
Total Expenditures		$ 1,840.40

Remarks—In addition to the above expenditures the Parish has contracted debt of $350.00 for the Rectory, which is secured by the individual notes of three of the vestrymen. The Rector is glad to report encouraging prospects for the Church in this place.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, TALLADEGA—Rev. J. F. Smith, Rector.

May 1st, 1881.

Communicants—In 1880, 60; removed, 4;	Present No...	60
Baptized Persons not Communicants		60
Total Parishioners		120
Sunday School—Teachers, 8; scholars, 40	Total...	48
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 8; private, 0;	Total...	8
Baptisms	Total...	7
Confirmations		2
Marriages		2
Number of Months spent in Parish since last Report		12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$ 125.00	
Current Expenses	15.00	
Repairs	25.00—	$ 165.00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		39.15
Total Expenditures		$204.15

TRINITY CHURCH, UNION SPRINGS—REV. DEB. WADDELL, Rector.

May 11th, 1881.

Communicants ..... Present No...		22
Baptized Persons not Communicants		20
Total Parishioners		42
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 18 ..... Total...		23
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 6; Private, 1 ..... Total...		7
Baptisms		3
Confirmations		2
Funerals		1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		1[illegible]
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$ 150.00	
Convention Fund	10.00—	$ 160.00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		40 00
Total Expenditures		$ 200.00

ATHENS MISSION—REV. CHAS. E. CABANISS, Minister in Charge.

May 10th, 1881.

Communicants—Removed, 1 ..... Present No...		29
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 30 ..... Total...		35
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public		11
Baptisms—Adults, 1; infants, 4 ..... Total...		5
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report		11
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$ 50.00	
Convention Fund	20 00—	$ 70.00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		27.75
Total Expenditures		$ 97.75

Remarks—The members of the Church, at Athens, have signed the Articles of Association and elected a Vestry, and now seek to be admitted into Union with the Convention, under the name of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. Timothy's Church.

MONTEVALLO MISSION—Rev. J F. Smith, Missionary.

May 1st, 1881.

Communicants—In 1880, 10	Present No...	10
Baptized Persons not Communicants		20
Total Parishioners		30
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		2
Baptisms		1
Number of Months spent in the Mission since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Missionary		$ 75.00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		22.25
Total Expenditures		$ 97.25

GRACE CHURCH, CLAYTON—Rev. DeB. Waddell, Rector.

May 11th, 1881.

Communicants—In 1880, 25	Present No...	27
Baptized Persons not Communicants		20
Total Parishioners		47
Sunday School—Teachers, 6, scholars, 23	Total...	29
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public		12
Baptisms		2
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		11
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector		$ 300.00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		20.00
Total Expenditures		$320.00

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, TROY—Rev. DeB Waddell, Rector.

May, 1881.

Communicants—In 1880, 18	Present No....	25
Baptized Persons not Communicants		25
Total Parishioners		50
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 30	Total...	36
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		6
Baptisms		3
Confirmations		8
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		11

Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector	$ 225.00	
Repairs	75.00	$ 300.00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		20.00
Total Expenditures		$ 320.00

Remarks—The Church at this place gives evidence of much promise. It is alive, though small, and we confidently hope for a very large growth.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SCOTTSBORO.

REV. CHAS. E. CABANISS, Missionary.

May 10th, 1881.

Communicants	Present No...	1
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 40	Total...	4
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public, 11; private, 1	Total...	1
Baptisms—Infant		—
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		1

Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector	$ 106.00	
Paid for organ	100.00	
Sunday School Expenses	11.65	$ 217.65
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		27.00
Total Expenditures		$ 244.65

Remarks—The members of the Church, at Scottsboro, have recently signed the Articles of Association and elected a Vestry, and now seek to be admitted into Union with the Convention, under the name of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. Luke's Church.

GRACE CHURCH, ANNISTON—REV. WALLACE CARNAHAN, Rector.

May 11th, 1881.

Communicants	Present No...	30
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 40	Total...	46
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public		3
Baptisms		3
Confirmations—No visitation of the Bishop		
Funerals		6
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		3

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector (for 3 months)	$ 250.00	
Convention Fund	125.00	
Current Expenses	35.54	
Repairs	10.00—	$ 410.54
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		17.31
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	15.55	
Foreign Missions	9.70—	25.25
Other Contributions for Church Purposes, Expenses of Rector to Convention		25.00
Total Expenditures		$ 478.10

Remarks—I took charge of the Mission at Anniston on the 17th of Feb'y., 1881. The Parish was organized on the 18th of April, 1881. My report is for the three months that I have had charge.

FAUNSDALE CHAPEL, REV. W. A. STICKNEY.

FAUNSDALE, May 10th, 1881.

FAUNSDALE CHAPEL—COLORED CONGREGATION.

4 celebrations, public, and 1 private, of the Holy Communion; 2 Marriages; 2 Funerals; about 25 Communicants.

When permitted by engagements elsewhere and the weather, I have taught the children on Sundays, and had public services and preaching in the Chapel.

After seventeen years anxiously devoted to the spiritual condition of this race, I would fain express more cheerful hopes for their future. Would that my yearning heart could bear generous, truthful testimony to their Christian morality, as the fruit of their Christian profession.

To the RT. REV. R. H. WILMER, D. D.:

During the present Diocesan year, I have officiated in the School Chapel daily, on week-days, and assisted the Rector of St. John's, by filling his pulpit in October last, aiding him, during the year, from time to time, in the administration of the services and Sacraments and have celebrated the burial service for three persons.

I have also officiated and celebrated the Lord's Supper in Hayneville, and officiated, also, near Shorter's Station and in Eufaula, and, at different times, in Greenville, until the 1st of January when I took regular charge of the Parish, visiting it twice a month. (See Report.) In November of 1880, I committed to his last rest, the remains of the Rev. J. D. Porter, Deacon.

Hamner Hall has on its roll for the school year, 68 pupils—average attendance 60. Of the 68, 14 are boarders in the Hall, and 6 in the city. Of the 48 day scholars, about three-fourths are children of the Church, while the other fourth represents almost every phase of religious training. Of the pupils from a distance, one-third are of denominational families—the rest are of the Church.

There have been three of the School family Confirmed and one of them Baptized. Of these 14 boarders, ten are now Communicants.

The Chapel services consist of the Morning Prayer, beginning with the Lord's Prayer, and omitting one lesson, and substituting more appropriate Collects for some of those in the regular order. On Fridays, the Litany is intoned. All the services are choral in part, except *compline*. The establishing of a strictly Church school without means or resources, other than the bare income, is a venture of faith. It can only be successfully done by economy, care and efficient and thorough work in its management, and from the Church the active support and sympathy, under all circumstances, of those who desire to see, on a permanent basis, a school in which the Diocese may take a righteous pride. If the latter follow in the wake of the former, success is assured. Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE M. EVERHART, Rector.

Montgomery, Ala., May 10th, 1881.

APPENDIX C.

Account of Treasurer of Bishop's Fund.

N. H. R. DAWSON, *Treasurer*,

In Account with BISHOP'S FUND:

1880. *DR.*

July 1.—To semi-annual interest on Alabama Bonds		$102.00
" " — " semi-annual interest on City of Selma Bonds Nos. 116, 354 and 525, $100 @ 92½ cents	92.50	92.50
Sept. 22—To amount collected on note of SAM'L EDWARDS		50.00

1881.

Jany. 1.— " interest on note of N. H. R. DAWSON	400.00
" " — " semi-annual interest on Alabama Bonds	102.00
" " — "semi-annual interest on above bonds of the City of Selma $100 @ 92½ cents 92.50	92.50
May 3.—To amount collected on note of SAML. EDWARDS	25.00
	$864.00

1880. *CR.*

July 1—By amount paid N. D. CROSS, Sect'y., for $5,000 insurance on Hamner Hall	$ 87.50

1881.

May 11—By cash paid WM. BARNAWALL, Treasurer	701.50
" " — " balance on hand, being part of principal collected from SAM'L. EDWARDS, uninvested	75.00
	$864.00

NOTE.—For securities of Bishop's Fund, See Report of 1879, Journal p. 58 and Report of 1880, Journal p. 58. All these securities are kept on deposit in the Commercial Bank of Selma.

N. H. R. DAWSON, Treasurer.

SELMA, ALA., May 11, 1881.

APPENDIX D.

Diocesan Treasurer's Account.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1st 1881.

WM. BARNEWALL, *Treasurer,*

In Account with the DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

1880. *DR.*

April 30.—	To Balance account rendered		$ 50.24
1881.			
May 1.—	" Athens Mission, Athens		20.00
	" Anniston Mission, Anniston, 1879—'80,	$50.00	125.00
	" " " " 1880—'81,	75.00	
	" Christ Church, Mobile		650.00
	" Christ Church, Tuscaloosa		150.00
	" Church of the Advent, Birmingham,		60.00
	" Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown		60.00
	" Church of the Nativity, Huntsville		325.00
	" Grace Church, Portland, 1879—'80	$20.00	40.00
	" " " " 1880—'81	20.00	
	" St. Andrews Parish, Macon, on account		32.00
	" St. James Parish, Eufaula		125.00
	" St. Lukes Parish, Jacksonville, 1879—'80	$25.00	50.00
	" " " " 1880—'81	25.00	
	" St. Johns Parish, Mobile		200.00
	" St. Johns Parish, Montgomery,		660.00
	" St. Johns Parish, Tuscumbia		15.00
	" St. Marks Parish, Fork of Greene		25.00
	" St. Marks Parish, Prattville		15.00
	" St. Michaels Parish, Marengo		50.00
	" St. Pauls Parish, Autaugaville		30.00
	" St. Pauls Parish, Decatur		25.00
	" St. Pauls Parish, Greensboro		150.00
	" St. Pauls Parish, Selma		325.00
	" St. Pauls Parish, Spring Hill		20.00
	" St. Stephens Parish, Eutaw		50.00
	" St. Peters Parish, Talladega		20.00
	" St. Wilfrids Parish, Macon		50.00
	" St. Thomas Parish, Greenville		40.00
	" Trinity Parish, Demopolis		120.00
	" Trinity Parish, Florence		21.65
	" Trinity Parish, Mobile,		325.00
	" Trinity Parish, Union Springs		10.00

May 1.—	" Montevallo Mission	15.00
	" N. H. R. Dawson, Treasurer of Bishops Fund, received from him at Convention	701.50
		$4,545.39

1880 *CR.*

May 1.—	By Rev. R. H. Cobbs, Secretary of Convention	$ 100.00
	" Sexton, Church of the Advent, services	10.00
	" Wm. Barnewall, Treasurer of the Diocese	50.00
	" expense account, exchange on drafts	1.48
	" Piedmont and Arlington Life Insurance Co., paid ½ premium Policy 3400, Life of Bishop R. H. Wilmer	129.25
	" Henry Farrow & Co., paid them in full for Journal Convention, Constitution and Cannons	183.70
	" Lloyd W. Wiles, Treasurer General Convention:	
	Remitted sight check on New York $84.00	
	Exchange .20—	84.20
	" Theological Department:	
	Paid Bishop Wilmer by authority of Convention 1880	220.00
	" Bishop R. H. Wilmer, paid him on account salary for 1880--'81	3700.00
	" Balance to new account	66.67
		$4545.39

WM. BARNEWALL, Treasurer.

E. E.—May 1st 1881

Parishes and Missions in Arrears 1879-'80 and 1880-'81

Emanuel Church, Opelika, 1879—'80	$25.00	
" " " 1880—'81	20.00—	$ 45.00
Grace Church, Clayton, 1879—'80	30.00	
" " " 1880—'81	30.00—	60.00
Grace Church, Morgan, 1880—'81		25.00
St. Andrews Parish, Hayneville, 1879—'80	$10.00	
" " " " 1880—'81	10.00—	20.00
*St. Andrews Parish, Macon, Bal. 1880—'81		13.00
St. Albans Church, Gainesville, 1879—'80	$10.00	
" " " " 1880—'81	10.00—	20.00
St. Davis Parish, Uniontown		10.00

St. James Parish, Livingston		5[illegible].00
St. Lukes Parish, Cahaba		10.00
St. Marks Parish, Prattville,		15.00
St. Marys Parish, Evergreen, 1879—'80	$10.00	
" " " " 1880—'81	10.00—	20.00
St. Mathews Parish, Autaugaville, 1879—'80	$20.00	
" " " " 1880—'81	20.00—	40.00
St. Pauls Parish, Lowndesboro		30.00
St. Pauls Parish, Whistler		15.00
St. Marys Parish, Camden, 1879—'80	$10.00	
" " " " 1880—'81	10.00—	20.00
St. Pauls Parish, Spring Hill, balance		5.00
		$398.00

* Paid on account after Treasurers account was closed, $5.25.

APPENDIX E.

F. B. CLARK, *Treasurer University of the South,*

Diocese of Alabama,

In Account with W. P. DUBOSE, *Treasurer, Sewanee.*

1880, *DR.*

Dec'r. 14.— For amount from St. Stephens Church, Eutaw	$ 10.10
" " — " " " St. Pauls Church, Greensboro	21.00
" 17.— " " " St. James " Livingston	5.90
" 20.— " " " Christ Church, Mobile	23.50
" 25.— " " " St. Marks Church, Forks of Green	3.50
1881.	
Jan'y. 1.— " " " BISHOP WILMER—MISS JULIA MERRITT of New York	150.00
Feb'y. 1.— For amount from St. Johns Church, Mobile	5.00
" 8.— " " " Church Advent, Birmingham	10.00
" 8.— " " " St. Pauls Church, Selma	50.00
" 15.— " " " Trinity Church, Demopolis	7.65
	$286.65

1880. *CONTRA.*

Dec'r. 17.—By P. O. Order to Rev. W. P. DuBose, Treasurer	$ 37.00		
" 29.— " " " "	27.00		
1881.			
Jan'y. 3.— " check to " "	150.00		
Feb'y. 9.— " P. O. Order to " "	15.00		
" 15.— " " " " "	50.00		
M'ch 19.— " " " " "	7.65		
			$286.65
Receipts brought down		$286.65	
May 11.—For amount from Christ Church, Tuscaloosa			10.00
" " .— " " " St. Pauls Church, Carlowville			13.35
Total Receipts			$310.00

1880. *CONTRA.*

May 11.—By amounts remitted to date	$286.65
Balance on hand	23.35
Total	$310.00

APPENDIX F.

Account of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Mission Fund.

ROBERT MIDDLETON, *Treasurer*,

In Account Current with THE DIOCESAN MISSION FUND.

DR.

May 4th.—To Balance from last Report, S. Croom, ex-Treas.	$ 239.20
St. John's Church, Mobile	90.45
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro	120.60
Trinity Church, Mobile	52.05
Christ Church, Mobile	105.03
Christ Church, Mobile, Sunday School Offering	400.06
St. John's Church, Montgomery	229.93
St. Thomas' Church, Greenville	10 00
Christmas Present, from Mrs. Buell	5.00
St. Andrew's Church, Macon	6.20
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	4.95
Church of the Advent, Birmingham	10 00
Church Home, Mobile	5 00
St. Michael's Church, Marengo County	9.35
Trinity Church, Demopolis	31.00
St. David's Church, Dallas County	3.00
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro	8.30
St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville	2.45
	$1,332.57

May 9th.—To Balance Cash on hand		$392.22
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa		56.90
St. Thomas' Church, Greenville		15.00

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1881.	By paid Bishop's draft in favor of—	Voucher No.	
May 5.—	Rev. C. E. Cabaniss	1	$ 50.00
" 8.—	" "	2	50.00
" 11.—	Mission Books	3	20.00
" 17.—	Rev. A. K. Hall	4	25.00
" 24.—	" DeB. Waddell	5	50.00
Jan'y 14.—	" A. K. Hall	6	50.00
" 11.—	" C. E. Cabaniss	7	30.00
" 2.—	" A. J. Roberts	8	25.00
July 30.—	" "	9	30.00
Aug. 16.—	" "	10	25.00
" 16.—	" DeB. Waddell	11	50.00
" 23.—	" J. H. Ticknor	12	40.00
Nov. 16.—	" B. F. Mower	13	30.35
" 29.—	" A. J. Roberts	14	30.00
1881.			
Jany. 18.—	" DeB. Waddell	15	30.00
" 24.—	" J. F. Smith	16	30.00
Feby. 25.—	For Mission Books	17	25.00
Mar. 10.—	Rev. B. F. Mower	18	25.00
" 10.—	" J. F. Smith	19	25.00
April 20.—	" B. F. Mower	20	50.00
" 20.—	" DeB. Waddell	21	100.00
" 20.—	" J. F. Smith	22	100.00
" 20.—	" C. E. Cabaniss	23	50.00
	By cash in National Commercial Bank		392.22
			$ 1,332.57

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT MIDDLETON,
Treasurer Diocesan Mission Fund.

APPENDIX G.

Report of the Registrar.

DIOCESE OF ALABAMA, Mobile, May 6, 1881.

To the Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D., Pres't. of the Convention:

Dear Sir:—I beg leave to submit this Annual Report as Registrar of this Diocese.

The following documents have been lodged with me during the year:

1. Deed to Church lot in Benton, Lowndes County.
2. Vouchers of Wm. Barnewall, Jr., Treasurer of the Diocese, for the year ending May, 1880.
3. Vouchers of S. Croom, Treasurer of Diocesan Missions for year ending April 28, 1880.
4. Deed (with map) of Church lot at Boligee, Greene County, Ala. Also sentence of Consecration of Church building.
5. Two deeds for lot 58, town of Florence, Lauderdale County.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES BOND,

Registrar

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List of Clergy Belonging to Diocese of Alabama.

	Post-office.
RT. REV. RICHARD H. WILMER, D. D., . .	Mobile.
REV. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., Church of the Nativity	Huntsville.
" ROBERT W. BARNWELL, St. Paul's	Selma.
" T. J. BEARD, Church of the Advent	Birmingham.
" WALLACE CARNAHAN, Grace Church	Anniston.
" R. H. COBBS, D. D., St. Paul's, Greensboro; St. Wilfrid's, Marion, and St. Andrew's, Prairieville	Greensboro.
" THOMAS A. COOK,	Alpine.
" ALEX. I. DRYSDALE, Christ Church,	Mobile.
" GEO. M. EVERHART, D. D., Rector of Hamner Hall	Montgomery.
" JNO. A. HARRISON, D. D., Trinity, Demopolis; St. John's, Forkland	Demopolis.
" D. F. HOKE, (Deacon.)	
" GEO. H. HUNT.	
" J. S. JOHNSTON, Trinity Church	Mobile.
" F. B. LEE, St. Paul's, Carlowville, and Grace Church, Dallas	Carlowville.
" STEWART McQUEEN, (Deacon), officiating at St. Luke's, Scottsboro; St. Timothy, Athens, and St. Paul's, Decatur	Decatur.
" B. F. MOWER, Trinity Church, Florence, and St. John's Church, Tuscumbia	Florence.
" W. J. PERDUE	Gadsden.
" THEODORE REED, St. James' Church	Eufaula.
" ASA J. ROBERTS, (Deacon)	Mobile.
" JESSE C. TAYLOR, (Deacon), officiating at St. Mark's, Prattville; St. Andrew's, Hayneville, and St. Paul's, Lowndesboro	Montgomery.
" S. U. SMITH, St. Stephen's, Eutaw; St. Mark's, Boligee.	Eutaw.
" J. F. SMITH, St. Luke's, Jacksonville, Montevallo and St. Peter's Talladega,	Jacksonville.
" W. A. STICKNEY, Church of the Holy Cross	Faunsdale.
" HORACE STRINGFELLOW, JR., D. D., St. John's Church	Montgomery.
" JAS. H. STRINGFELLOW, Christ Church	Tuskaloosa.
" J. A. VAN HOOSE, (Deacon), assisting at	Birmingham.
" DEB. WADDELL, Grace Church, Clayton; St. Mark's, Troy, and Trinity Church, Union Springs	Clayton.

Deaconesses.

Sister	HARRIET	Church	Home,	Mobile.
"	GRACE	"	"	"
"	IRENE	"	"	"
"	REBECCA	"	"	"
"	ELIZABETH	"	"	"
"	SARAH	"	"	"
"	BELLE	"	"	"

Candidates for Priest's Orders.

Rev. STEWART McQUEEN, (Deacon),
" JESSE C. TAYLOR, (Deacon),
" FOSTER B. TERRELL.

Candidate for Deacon's Orders.

JOHN HALL.

Postulants.

CAMERON A. MORENO, LOUIS L. WILLIAMS.

Lay Readers.

Edwin Shield, Uniontown.
J. J. Harris, Tuskaloosa.
David Buell, Greenville.
John H. Forney, Selma.
D. F. Prout, Demopolis.
D. Poyner, Eutaw.
Chas. L. Stickney, Greensboro.
Edward L. Stickney, Greensboro.
A. Benners, Greensboro.
I. J. W. Payne, Scottsboro.
Peter Dox, Huntsville.
David H. Minge, Faunsdale.
Wm. Minor Lile, Trinity.
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Stanhope Brasfield, Forkland.
W. D. Whetstone, Prattville.
Jas. H. Gray, Decatur.
Jas. W. Hall, Geneva.
J. R. Ender, Columbia.
W. L. Clay, Huntsville.

Examiners.

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" W. A. Stickney,
Rev. H. Stringfellow, D. D.
" Thos. J. Beard,
" Alex. I. Drysdale.

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MR. HENRY BARNEWALL, MOBILE.

TREASURER OF THE DIOCESAN MISSIONARY FUND,

MR. ROBERT MIDDLETON, MOBILE.

REGISTRAR,

MR. T. GARDNER FOSTER, MONTGOMERY.

STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE.

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MR. JAMES BOND.

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TREASURER OF THE BISHOP'S FUND,

MR. N. H. R. DAWSON.

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MR. F. B. CLARK.

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Standing Committees of the Convention.

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" DeB. WADDELL,
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" R. B. OWEN,
" E. O. HURD,
" E. N. C. SNOW,
" W. H. BEATTY.

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" WILLIAM BERG,
" A. S. JEFFREYS,

Mr. J. H. FITTS,
" R. S. BUNKER,
" ROBERT ADAMS,
" H. C. HART,
" H. A. TAYLOE.

COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Rev. R. H. COBBS, D. D.

Mr. D. F. McCALL.

List of Lay Deputies.

Trinity Church, Mobile.
*H. T. Toulmin,
*F. J. McCoy,
Robert Adams,
H. A. Lockwood,
W. C. Black.

John's Church, Forkland.
*W. N. Glover,
P. B. Minor,
*J. P. Rogers.

John's Church, Mobile.
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W. H. Beatty,
P. C. Candidus,
*Daniel Harris,
*Lawrence Hammond.

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*V. G. Snedecor,
*C. E. Waller,
*A. Benners.

St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.
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*J. D. Allison,
*T. B. Lee,
*Benj. Reynolds,
*W. A. Bibb.

St. James' Church, Eufaula.
H. R. Shorter,
W. H. Bray,
A. H. Merrell,
H. C. Hart,
*H. L. Hull.

Trinity Church, Demopolis.
*F. S. Lyon,
*N. G. Winn,
*James Whitfield.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.
C. T. Pollard,
Joel White,
R. F. Michel,
John L. Cobbs,
W. W. Screws.

Christ Church, Mobile.
R. S. Bunker,
F. B. Clark,
J. C. Hamilton,
R. B. Owen,
G. H. Dunlap.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station.
*W. P. Bocock,
H. A. Taylor,
*W. W. Duggar,
*R. H. Duggar.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.
*N. H. R. Dawson,
R. M. Nelson,
William Berg,
Frank Boykin, Jr.
E. P. Galt.

St. Peter's Church, Talladega.
John F. Slaughter,
*H. C. Bingham.

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.
J. H. Fitts,
E. N. C. Snow,
John Snow,
Alonzo Hill.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.
James Gregory,
L. F. Whittaker,
*Robert Evins,
*T. G. Walthall.

*Those marked (*) were not in attendance.

St. Paul's Church, Decatur.
E. O. Hurd.

Trinity Church, Union Springs.
D. F. McCall,
*R. L. Hobdy.

St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro.
William Whetstone,
*Archie Douglass,
*W. B. Hall.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.
*J. M. Langhorn,
Edwin Shield,
*J. W. Bush.

St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville.
John Murray,
*F. B. Cox.

St. Mark's Church, Prattville.
*C. A. Edwards,
W. D. Whetstone.

St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.
*Peyton Rowan,
*J. F. Dailey,
Geo. C. Morgan.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo Co.
A. J. Bethea,
Chas. D. Walker.

Grace Church, Anniston.
*A. L. Tyler,
*Samuel Noble,
George Noble,
*R. P. Huger,
*T. D. Parsons.

Church of Nativity, Huntsville.
*P. M. Dox,
Daniel Coleman,
*O. B. Patton,
*William L. Clay,
*Milton Humes.

St. Thomas' Church, Greenville.
David Buell,
*C. B. Herbert,
Edward Crenshaw,
*T. G. Garrett,
*Ossian Posey.

St. Mary's Church, Evergreen.
P. D. Bowles,
*F. L. Hickox,

Church of the Advent, Birmingham.
*R. H. Pearson,
*J. P. Mudd,
*A. S. Elliott,
*G. R. Ward,
*M. A. Porter.

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*Those marked (*) were not in attendance.

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FIRST DAY.

The Fifty-First Annual Convention of the PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH in the Diocese of Alabama, assembled in St. John's Church, Montgomery, April 26th, 1882.

Morning Prayer was said at 11 o'clock A. M., and the Sermon was preached by the Rev. WALLACE CARNAHAN, from Colossians, chapter 1, verse 17:

"By Him all things consist."

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Tennessee, and by the Rev. Dr. Stringfellow, Rector of the Parish.

At 2 o'clock P. M., the Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. President, who presented the following

List of Clergy entitled to Seats in the Convention of 1882.

RT. REV. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.	Rev. R. W. BARNWELL,
" THOMAS J. BEARD,	" WALLACE CARNAHAN,
" R. H. COBBS, D. D.	" ALEX. I. DRYSDALE,
" GEORGE M. EVERHART, D. D.	" JOHN A. HARRISON, D. D.
" J. S. JOHNSTON,	" F. B. LEE,
" STEWART MCQUEEN,	" B. F. MOWER,
" W. J. PERDUE,	" THEODORE REED,*
" S. U. SMITH,	" J. F. SMITH,
" W. A. STICKNEY,	" HORACE STRINGFELLOW, D. D.
" JAMES H. STRINGFELLOW,*	" JESSE C. TAYLOR,
" J. A. VAN HOOSE,	" DEB. WADDELL.

* Those of the Clergy in the above list whose names are thus marked, are entitled to seats, but not to votes, in the Convention of 1882.

The Secretary of the last Convention called the list, as presented, and the following answered to their names:

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

Rev. R. W. Barnwell,	Rev. T. J. Beard,
" Wallace Carnahan,	" R. H. Cobbs, D. D.
" George M. Everhart, D. D.	" John A. Harrison, D. D.
" J. S. Johnston,	" F. B. Lee,
" Stewart McQueen,	" B. F. Mower,
" W. J. Perdue,	" Theodore Reed,
" S. U. Smith,	" J. F. Smith,
" W. A. Stickney,	" H. Stringfellow, D. D.
" Jesse C. Taylor,	" James H. Stringfellow,

Rev. DeB. Waddell.

As provided for by Canon, the Treasurer of the Diocese presented the following

List of Parishes entitled to Representation in this Convention.

St. Timothy's Church, Athens.	Christ Church, Mobile.
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.	Cross Plains Mission.
St. Andrew's Parish, Macon Station.	St. John's Church, Forkland.
St. John's Parish, Montgomery.	St. John's Parish, Tuscumbia.
St. Mark's Parish, Fork of Greene.	St. Paul's Parish, Carlowville.
St. Paul's Parish, Lowndesboro.	St. Paul's Parish, Selma.
St. Stephen's Parish, Eutaw.	St. Peter's Parish, Talladega.
St. Thomas' Parish, Greenville.	Trinity Parish, Mobile.
St. John's Parish, Mobile.	St. James' Parish, Eufaula.
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.	Grace Church, Portland.
St. David's Parish, Dallas County.	St. Paul's Parish, Decatur.
St. Wilfrid's Parish, Marion.	Grace Church, Anniston.
Trinity Church, Demopolis.	St. Luke's Church, Scottsboro.

Trinity Church, Union Springs.

The list of Parishes so entitled was then called, and credentials of Lay Deputies were presented and referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. W. A. Stickney, S. U. Smith, and J. A. Harrison, D. D. This committee reported the following

Lay Delegates entitled to Seats.

Christ Church, Mobile.

R. S. Bunker,		F. B. Clark,
J. C. Hamilton,	R. B. Owen,	George H. Dunlap.

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

J. H. Fitts,	E. N. C. Snow,
John Snow,	Alonzo Hill.

Trinity Church, Demopolis.

F. S. Lyon, Norman G. Winn, James Whitfield.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Charles T. Pollard, Joel White,
R. F. Michel, John L. Cobbs, W. W. Screws.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.

James Gregory, L. F. Whittaker,
Robert Evins, T. J. Walthall.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.

N. H. R. Dawson, R. M. Nelson,
William Berg, Frank Boykin, Jr. E P. Galt.

St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.

H. L. Allison, J. D. Allison,
T. B. Lee, Benjamin Reynolds, W. A. Bibb.

St. James' Church, Eufaula.

W. H. Bray, H. C. Hart,
H. R. Shorter, A. H. Merrell, H. L. Hall.

Trinity Church, Mobile.

H. T. Toulmin, F. J. McCoy,
Robert Adams, H. A. Lockwood, W. C. Black.

St. John's Church, Mobile.

James Bond, William H. Beatty,
P. C. Candidus, Daniel Harris, Lawrence Hammond.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station.

W. P. Bocock, H. A. Tayloe,
W. W. Duggar, R. H. Duggar.

Trinity Church, Union Springs.

D. F. McCall, R. L. Hobdy.

St. Peter's Church, Talladega.

John F. Slaughter, Henry C. Bingham.

St. Paul's Church, Decatur.

E. C. Hurd.

Grace Church, Anniston.

A. L. Tyler, Samuel Noble,
George Noble, R. P. Huger, T. D. Parsons.

St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro.

William Whetstone, Archie Douglass, William B. Hall.

St. John's Church, Forkland.

Walton N. Glover, Philip B. Minor, James P. Rogers.

Their names being called, the following were found to present, viz.:

Messrs.	R. S. Bunker,	Messrs.	J. C. Hamilton,	Messrs.	R. B. Owen,
"	J. H. Fitts,	"	E. N. C. Snow,	"	John Snow,
"	Alonzo Hill,	"	Chas. T. Pollard,	"	Joel White,
"	R. F. Michel,	"	John L. Cobbs,	"	W. W. Screws,
"	Wm. Berg,	"	Frank Boykin, Jr.	"	E. P. Galt,
"	W. H. Bray,	"	H. C. Hart,	"	H. R. Shorter,
"	A. H. Merrell,	"	Robert Adams,	"	H. A. Lockwood,
"	W. C. Black,	"	Wm. H. Beatty,	"	J. F. Slaughter,
"	D. F. McCall,	"	E. C. Hurd,	"	George Noble.

A quorum being present, the President announced the Convention duly organized.

Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D., was nominated and elected Secretary.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to wait upon the Rt. Rev. C. T. Quintard, D. D., Bishop of Tennessee, and invite him to attend the sessions of the Convention, and occupy a seat at the right hand of the President.

Rev. Dr. Stringfellow and Mr. Joel White were appointed said Committee, and in response to this invitation the Bishop of Tennessee appeared and took his seat in Convention.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the sessions of the Convention shall continue daily, from 9 o'clock a. m. to 2:30 p. m., until the business shall be disposed of.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 9 o'clock tomorrow (Thursday) morning.

SECOND DAY.

Montgomery, Ala., April 27, 1882.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After prayers by the President, the roll was called; a quorum was found to be present, and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Banister appeared and took his seat.

Certificates of Election of Deputies, in due form, were presented from

Church of the Nativity, Huntsville;
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown;
St. Thomas' Church, Greenville; and
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro.

Their names being called, Messrs. DANIEL COLEMAN, EDWIN SHEILD, DAVID BUELL, EDWARD CRENSHAW, H. A. TAYLOE, and A. S. JEFFREYS, appeared and took their seats.

The following Standing Committees were announced by the President:

Committee on the State of the Church.—Rev. W. A. Stickney, Rev. F. B. Lee, Rev. J. F. Smith, Rev. B. F. Mower, Rev. DeB. Waddell, Rev. John A. Harrison, D. D., and Messrs. John L. Cobbs, W. H. Bray, R. B. Owen, E. O. Hurd, E. N. C. Snow, W. H. Beatty.

Committee on Canons.—Rev. H. Stringfellow, D. D., Rev. S. U. Smith, Rev. J. F. Smith, and Messrs. David Buell, Daniel Coleman, James Bond, H. R. Shorter.

Committee on Finance.—Messrs. J. H. Fitts, R. S. Bunker, Joel White, Robert Adams, Wm. Berg, H. C. Hart, A. S. Jeffreys, and Rev. R. W. Barnwell, Rev J. S. Johnston, H. A. Tayloe.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D., and Mr. D. F. McCall.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese presented the following Annual Communication:

The Standing Committee of the Diocese present the following Report of their acts during the past year:

On September 10th, 1881, they recommended as a Candidate for Holy Orders Mr. JOHN HALL of Christ Church, Mobile, and Mr. STEWART McQUEEN for Ordination to the Holy Order of Deacons.

On November 23rd, 1881, they gave consent to the Consecration of Rev. COURTLAND WHITEHEAD, D D., to be Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

On March 25th, 1882, recommended Rev. JESSE C. TAYLOR, and on April 17th, Rev. STEWART McQUEEN, for Ordination to the Holy Order of Priests.

[Signed] THOMAS J. BEARD,
President Standing Committee.

The Bishop of the Diocese then read his Annual Address. (See Appendix.)

On motion, the statistical portion of this address was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the arrears of St. Mary's Church, Evergreen, St. Mark's Church, Prattville, and St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville, be remitted.

Whereupon, certificates of election of Lay Deputies were presented from these Parishes, and found in due form, and the following Deputies appeared and took their seats, viz.:

St. Mary's Church, Evergreen—Mr. P. D. Bowles.
St. Mark's Church, Prattville—Mr. W. D. Whetstone.

Certificate of Election, in due form, was presented from St. Michael's Church, Marengo County, and Mr. A. J. Bethea and Mr. Chas. D. Walker, from that Parish, appeared and took their seats.

On motion, the reading of Parochial Reports was dispensed with, and these reports were presented and laid upon the Bishop's desk.

The Convention then proceeded to vote, by ballot, for the Standing Committee of the Diocese—Rev. James H. Stringfellow and Mr. W. H. Bray being appointed Tellers.

The balloting resulted in the election of

Rev. A. I. Drysdale,	Mr. F. B. Clark,
Rev. J. S. Johnston,	Mr. W. G. Jones,
Rev. H. Stringfellow, D. D.	Mr. James Bond.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended, and two communications, relating to changes in the Canons, were presented and referred to the Committee on Canons.

The Report of the Registrar was presented and read, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix of the Journal.

At this point, the Bishop of Tennessee, being called upon by the Right Reverend President, made an address, which was heard with great pleasure and interest by the whole Convention.

The Committee on Canons gave notice that they would introduce, to-morrow, a Canon in regard to the election of a Chancellor of the Diocese.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the Colored People be referred to a committee of four.

Rev. J. S. JOHNSTON, Rev. J. A. HARRISON, D. D., Mr. R. B. OWEN, Mr. E. O. HURD, were appointed said committee.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to consider and report upon the subject of Christian Education.

Rev. DEB. WADDELL, Rev. J. A. HARRISON, D. D., Mr. DANIEL COLEMAN, were appointed said committee.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to examine, to-morrow, into the condition of Hamner Hall; the school proper, as to its work and character; the condition of the buildings, and the nature of the lease now existing between the Bishop and the present Lessee; and as to the carrying out the provisions of the same to this date; and present their report Saturday morning.

The Rev. WALLACE CARNAHAN, Mr. H. C. HART, and Mr. DAVID BUELL, were appointed said committee.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three Clergymen and three Laymen of this Convention be appointed to consider the feasibility and practicability of systematizing the sciences of instruction, and inquiring into the best mode of attracting and holding the interest of Sunday School scholars; said committee to report to the next Convention.

Rev. Dr. BANISTER, Rev. T. J. BEARD, Rev. R. W. BARNWELL, and Messrs. H. A. LOCKWOOD, E. P. GALT, and E. N. C. SNOW, were appointed on this committee.

On motion, Mr. WM. BARNEWALL was re-elected Treasurer of the Diocese.

On motion, Mr. ROBERT MIDDLETON was re-elected Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

On motion, Mr. F. B. CLARK was re-elected Treasurer of the University of the South, for the Diocese of Alabama.

The Convention then voted, by ballot, for Trustees of the Bishop's Fund—Rev. STEWART MCQUEEN and Mr. JOHN SNOW being appointed Tellers. The balloting resulted in the election of

Mr. N. H. R. DAWSON, Mr. H. C. HART, Mr. JOSIAH MORRIS;
Mr. DAWSON being designated as Treasurer.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee of two Clergymen and two Laymen, be appointed by the Chair, to take into consideration the formation of a Diocesan Church Temperance Society, to be in affiliation with the Society, of which the Presiding Bishop is President, and report to this Convention.

Rev. J. H. STRINGFELLOW, Rev. J. S. JOHNSTON, Mr. H. A. LOCKWOOD and Mr. H. C. HART, were appointed on this committee.

Certificates of Election of Lay Deputies, in due form, were presented from St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville, and St. Mark's Church, Troy; and Mr. GEO. C. MORGAN, of Jacksonville, appeared and took his seat in the Convention.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the next Annual Session of this Convention be held in Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, on the First Wednesday in May, 1883.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese, and of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund were presented, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 9½ o'clock Friday morning.

THIRD DAY.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., April 28, 1882.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After prayer, the roll was called; a quorum was found to be present, and the Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Mr. F. B. CLARK, of Christ Church, Mobile; Mr. R. M. NELSON, of St. Paul's Church, Selma; Mr. V. G. SNEDECOR, of St. Paul's Church, Greensboro, and Messrs. JAMES GREGORY and L. F. WHITTAKER, of St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion, appeared and took their seats.

Report of the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund was presented, and, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following Report was presented and read, the Rev. T. J. BEARD being called to the Chair.

The Committee on Finance ask leave to report that they have examined the account of Mr. WM. BARNEWALL, Treasurer of the Diocese, which shows

receipts from all sources, including last balance	$4,497 17
And disbursements, with proper vouchers	4,308 35
Leaving balance on hand	$ 188 82

The Committee have also examined the account of Mr. ROBERT MIDDLETON, Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, which shows:

Receipts from all sources, including last balance	$1,776 35
And disbursements, with proper vouchers	1,404 90
Leaving balance on hand	$ 371 45

NECESSARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1882-'83.

Balance due on Bishop's salary, 1881-'82	$ 400 00
Premium on Life Insurance Policy of Bishop	122 50
Printing Journal of Convention	122 50
Secretary of the Convention	100 00
Treasurer of the Convention	50 00
Expenses of the Convention	15 00
Bishop's salary	4,000 00
	$4,810 00

RESOURCES FOR 1882-'83.

Cash in hand of Treasurer of the Diocese	$ 188 92
Due from Delinquent Parishes (Exhibit attached)	500 00
Approximate amount of Interest from Bishop's Fund	811 00
Assessments on Parishes and Missions (See Exhibit B attached)	4,404 00
	$5,904 92

EXHIBIT A.

PARISHES IN ARREARS.

Emmanuel Church, Opelika	$ 65 00
Gadsden Mission	10 00
Grace Church, Clayton	45 00
Grace Church, Morgan county	50 00
St. Alban's Church, Gainesville	30 00
St. James' Church, Livingston	100 00
St. Luke's Parish, Cahaba	20 00
St. Luke's Parish, Jacksonville	25 00
St. Matthew's Parish, Autaugaville	60 00
St. Paul's Parish, Lowndesboro (balance)	5 00
St. Paul's Parish, Whistler	30 00
St. Mary's Church, Camden	30 00
St. Paul's Parish, Spring Hill (balance)	30 00
	$500 00

EXHIBIT B.

ASSESSMENTS ON PARISHES AND MISSIONS.

Christ Church, Mobile	$715 00
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	165 00
Church of the Advent, Birmingham	100 00
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	65 00
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville	350 00
Cross Plains Mission	10 00
Emmanuel Church, Opelika	20 00
Gadsden Mission	10 00
Grace Church, Anniston	75 00
Grace Church, Clayton	45 00
Grace Church, Morgan county	25 00
Grace Church, Portland	22 00
Montevallo Mission	15 00
St. Alban's Church, Gainesville	10 00
St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville	10 00
St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station	50 00
St. David's Church, Dallas county	10 00
St. James' Church, Eufaula	125 00
St. James' Church, Livingston	50 00
St. John's Church, Forkland	15 00
St. John's Church, Mobile	220 00
St. John's Church, Montgomery	715 00
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia	15 00
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville	30 00
St. Luke's Church, Scottsboro	15 00
St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene	27 50
St. Mark's Church, Prattville	15 00
St. Mark's Parish, Troy	25 00
St. Mary's Church, Camden	10 00
St. Mary's Church, Evergreen	10 00
St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville	20 00
St. Michael's Church, Marengo county	60 00
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville	30 00
St. Paul's Church, Decatur	27 50
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro	165 00
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro	40 00
St. Paul's Church, Selma	350 00
St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill	25 00
St. Paul's Church, Whistler	15 00
St. Peter's Church, Talladega	20 00
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw	55 00
St. Thomas' Church, Greenville	45 00
St. Timothy's Church, Athens	20 00
St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion	50 00
Trinity Church, Demopolis	132 00
Trinity Church, Florence	15 00
Trinity Church, Mobile	350 00
Trinity Church, Union Springs	15 00
	$4,404 00

[Signed] J. H. FITTS, Chairman.

J. S. JOHNSTON, R. W. BARNWELL, ROBT. S. BUNKER,
HENRY A. TAYLOE, A. S. JEFFREYS, WM. BERG,
ROBERT ADAMS.

Montgomery, Ala., April 28, 1882.

This report was received, and, on motion, after some discussion, was concurred in.

On motion, Mr. J. H. FITTS was excused, and Mr. R. M. NELSON was made Chairman of Committee on Finance.

The following Report was presented and read:

Your Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to Church Work among the Colored People, beg leave to report: That they have given such consideration to the subject as their limited time would permit, and offer the following suggestions, with the hope that they may lead to some definite and decisive action on the part of the Church in this Diocese.

In the first place, as we all know, the question is cumbered with many and grave complications, but we would submit, that they are not sufficient to justify us in any longer neglecting a duty which is so manifest to all right-minded Churchmen.

There are two preliminary questions, upon which hinge our responsibility, and the action we shall take in this matter. The first is: Is the Negro a man; a son of Adam, and therefore a Brother? If he is not, then we are in no way concerned about him. From a purely ethnological point of view, some might decide this question in the negative; but we are estopped from any such conclusion from the fact, that we stand pledged to the truth, that "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God;" and one whom we know to be not a whit behind the very chief of the Apostles, has said, that "God made of one blood all the nations of men for to dwell on the face of the whole Earth." That text determines for us the meaning of Genesis I: 26, where we read, "God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness," and thereupon made one man, Adam. St. Paul evidently understood that passage to mean, that Adam was the progenitor of all the nations of men that dwell on the face of the whole Earth; and if that be so, then the African, if he is a man at all, is a child of the first Adam, and therefore is embraced in the Covenant with the Second Adam; and if so, is therefore entitled to all the sympathy and assistance we can give him, to enable him to shake off the shackles of Satan in which he has been bound for so many millenniums, and so to help him to get on to that high plane, which we now occupy, only because the entrance of God's Word has given us light: for we must not forget, that the Gospel found our ancestors far more degraded than that portion of the African race with which we come in contact.

Granted, then, that the African is a man, and if so, a Brother; and granted that it is the duty of all the more highly favored members of the family to help him, the next question is: Why shall this Church, as a Church, worry itself about the present pitiable condition of the African, morally and religiously considered?

The answer is, That the vindication of its claims to be a Church, and not a sect, largely rests upon the action we take in this matter. If we are, in fact, as we are generally supposed to be, the rich folks' sect, then we freely grant that the question has no standing room in this assembly. But if we are,

indeed, a Branch of the Catholic Church of Christ, then we shirk this duty at the peril of losing the presence of the Spirit of God among us. If these are Christ's lost sheep, and we are the representatives of Christ, to do His work, how can we expect blessings from Him, whilst neglecting His poor, lying at our doors, like another Lazarus, covered with wounds and bruises and putrefying sores? No Church ever had such an opportunity of demonstrating the truth of its Catholicity, as this Church now has; and if it fails, it will justly entitle itself to the scorn of those whom it has practically unchurched by its claims to be a Catholic Church—for two Catholic Churches cannot exist at the same time in the same place.

Granted, then, that the Negro is a man, and therefore a Brother; and granted that this Church is Catholic, and is therefore bound to minister to all classes and conditions of men, within its borders, the final and difficult question still remains: How shall this Church undertake to perform its duty in the premises?

In the first place, we would submit, that we must act upon the lines of Providential precedents, as we do in other matters. God did not create the world in one day, nor by one isolated act of creative power; but by little and little; neither did He bring about the salvation and elevation of the race all at once; but He revealed Himself gradually to men, as they were able to understand and receive the truth, and bear the light, oftentimes accommodating Himself to the ignorance and infirmity of man; so that when He could not do all He would for them, He did what they could receive, and so gradually developed the understanding of men, until they were ready to receive the great mystery of the Gospel. We see the same principle carried out in human governments, where, when Legislators cannot do all they would desire, they do the best they can under the circumstances. So should we follow these precedents. We have the solution of a mighty problem upon our hands, far reaching in its results upon the future, not only of the African race in our midst, but of our own offspring; for the African is not only here, but the indications are that he will stay; and he and our children are going to live in this land together; and it is high time that we were beginning to adjust the permanent relations that are to exist between them and us. Our Convention Preacher has furnished the only remedy for the difficulties of the case. The Gospel of Christ, alone, can solve the question. "By Him all things consist;" *i. e.*, stand together and are brought into harmony; for, "how can two walk together, except they be agreed?" And it is the Spirit of Christ, only, that can make men of one mind in a house—it matters not how large or small it may be. It is our duty, then, to seek for the best methods at our disposal to apply the Gospel of Christ—*i. e.*, the Spirit of Christ—to the solution of this question.

One of the first requisites is to devote ourselves to the intellectual education of the African: for pure moral sentiments can hardly exist in a benighted intellect, nor can elevated spiritual experiences spring from debased moral perceptions. Therefore, in order to bring the whole man up to the perfect stature of a man, we must begin by enlightening and so expanding the understanding that it may be fitted to receive and embrace high moral

sentiments; and these two—the enlightened mind and the cultivated moral sense—must go hand in hand towards the formation of a pure and spiritual religion, which must be identified, at all points, with correct moral living; for, unfortunately, in the present status of the Negro, these two have been largely divorced. We ought, then, aside from all religion, to interest ourselves in having provided for them, in their primary schools, the best teachers that it is possible to procure, morally as well as intellectually.

Secondly: A good deal could be done by selecting men of influence among them, and by kindness and sympathy, try to win their confidence, and thus to impress upon them right principles of truth and duty, and so make them disseminators of these among the larger circle which they touch. Those who live in agricultural districts have ample opportunities of doing this.

Thirdly: We recommend that the Reverend Clergy bear in mind that portion of the Bishop's Address in regard to the relations between Master and Servant, and that they deliver instruction from the pulpit, from time to time, on this subject.

Fourthly: We would suggest, that, where at all practicable, each Parish should organize a Sunday School especially for the colored children; and that earnest efforts be made in this way, to remove the prejudice which exists, not only against ourselves, but, by familiarizing them with the Service, to remove their prejudice against the Church We would suggest that such efforts at first be confined to a few, and that those who undertake it shall not be discouraged by the day of small things, but that they shall remember that all faithful work, however little it may seem in our eyes, shall meet its merited reward. Of course, when possible, these efforts should be under the personal supervision of the Rector.

Finally, we would suggest, that as soon as the necessary amount of money and the proper man, can be procured, there shall be established, at the most eligible point, a Parish for the Colored People; that it be made, as near as possible, a model Parish; with a neat Church, School House, and Rectory; and that thus, under the most favorable circumstances, it may be demonstrated what can be done by this Church, in the practical settlement of this great and pressing question.

Such a Parish would be, not only a working model for other similar efforts, but it would be to the Colored race, as a light in a dark place; the influence of which would be, not only to elevate those in the Church, but gradually to leaven those on the outside, who, though they themselves might not come into the Church, would yet be made better Christians, and better citizens by reason of the reflex influence of the Church upon them; and we should rejoice that good is done, although we ourselves may not now reap the fruits of it, knowing that, in the great end of all things, we shall by no means lose our reward.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

[Signed] J. S. JOHNSTON, Chairman.

On motion, this Report was received and concurred in.

The following Report was presented, and on motion, was received and concurred in:

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the following Canon creating a Chancellor of the Diocese, beg leave to report, That they have had the same under consideration, and recommend its adoption.

CANON IV.

A Chancellor of the Diocese shall be elected by the Convention at each Annual Meeting, who shall be the Adviser of the Bishop in all legal matters pertaining to the Diocese, and Counsel in all suits at law, that may arise in the administration of its affairs.

On motion, this Canon was enacted, the Convention voting by Orders, as the Canon required.

Mr. JAMES BOND, of Mobile, was nominated and unanimously elected Chancellor of the Diocese.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the numeration of the Canons, rendered necessary by the adoption of the Canon making a Chancellor, be referred to the Committee on Canons.

The following was presented, and on motion, was received and concurred in:

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the proposal to strike out Section 3, Canon I., beg to report, That they deem it inexpedient to make any change in the existing Canon.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the history of the various Parishes and Missions, directed by the last Convention to be prepared by the several Rectors, covering as they do the first fifty years of the Diocese, instead of being read at a public Session, be placed in the hands of the Registrar of the Diocese.

On motion, the arrears of Grace Church, Clayton, were remitted by the Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 9½ o'clock Saturday morning.

FOURTH DAY.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., April 29, 1882.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After prayers, the roll was called; a quorum was found to be present, and the Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Rev. A. I. DRYSDALE appeared and took his seat.

On motion, permission was given to the Secretary to publish, as an Appendix to the Journal, the Proceedings of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, &c., &c.

The following Report was presented and read.

The Committee on Hamner Hall beg leave to report as follows:

Your Committee visited the School, and inquired diligently into its condition and conduct, attending the Chapel Service, examining classes, and seeking information from the Rector, the Rev. Dr. EVERHART, and assistants, in regard to the mode of instruction, and progress of the pupils.

Your Committee wish here to express their great gratification at the excellence of the Rector's management of the School in every department. There is abundant evidence of conscientious instruction and Christian discipline. And what your Committee regards as even more important, the bearing of the pupils, the atmosphere of the School evinces a religious culture, an education of character of the noblest pattern.

Your Committee further report, that they have examined and audited the accounts and vouchers of Rev. Dr. EVERHART, showing the amounts he has expended in repairs upon the property, made under the provisions of the lease now existing, and find the same correct and satisfactory. From said accounts, it appears that the sum of $931.53 has been expended upon the Hamner Hall property, in permanent improvements and necessary repairs, by the present Lessee since he took charge of the property in June, 1879; all of which has been, in the judgment of your Committee, properly and judiciously expended.

Your Committee further report, that they have examined the property, and find there is a necessity for a new roof upon both of the brick buildings, in order to preserve the property, as well as to render them habitable; and the short gallery on the rear of the building needs to be entirely rebuilt, and the entire outside wood-work to be repainted. The School is greatly in need of a room of sufficient capacity for Chapel Services. In our judgment, a convenient and commodious Chapel can be provided in the smaller brick building by making some changes in the partitions, at a moderate expense. Your Committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:

(1) *Resolved*, That the Rev. Dr. EVERHART, the Lessee of Hamner Hall, be authorized to make such repairs and permanent improvements upon the property, as the Bishop of the Diocese may deem proper and suitable to be made, and that the expenses thereof be deducted from the annual rents as they become due under the provisions of the Lease now existing.

(2) *Resolved*, That the Convention gives its unqualified endorsement of the Rector's past work in the School, and that it pledges itself to the hearty support of Hamner Hall, as a Diocesan Institution of the highest character.

[Signed] WALLACE CARNAHAN,
DAVID BUELL,
H. C. HART.

On motion, this Report was received and the Resolution adopted.

The following Report was presented, and, on motion, was received and concurred in:

The Committee on Finance beg to report, That they have examined and audited the account of the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund, and find that he has received, from all sources, the sum of.....$955 00
And that he has properly expended the sum of..... 830 00

Leaving in his hands a balance in cash of.....$125 00

Respectfully submitted.

April 29, 1882. R. M. NELSON, Chairman.

The Report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund was presented and read, and, on motion, was referred to a Committee of three—Mr. F. B. CLARK, Mr. W. H. BRAY, Mr. J. H. FITTS, being appointed said Committee.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Convention hereby extends to the Right Reverend the Bishop of Tennessee, their hearty thanks for the sermon preached by him upon the occasion of the celebration of the Semi-Centennial of the Diocese.

This Resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay the Sexton of St. John's Parish, Montgomery, the sum of Ten Dollars, for services rendered the Convention.

The following Report was read, and, on motion, was received, and the Resolution adopted:

The Committee on Christian Education beg leave to report: That, recognizing the truth, and the importance of the truth so forcibly stated to the Convention by the Bishop of Tennessee, that "the Church which educates the minds is the Church which will control the country;" and, in view of the fact, that we have in the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee, and in Hamner Hall at Montgomery, both Diocesan Institutions, peculiar advantages for educating the youth of this Diocese; which advantages, we believe to be unappreciated by our people, respectfully recommend the passage of the following Resolution:

Resolved, That as the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee, and Hamner Hall at Montgomery, are Diocesan Institutions, which have the full confidence and hearty esteem of this Convention, the Rector of each Parish in the Diocese, be requested to urge upon his people the importance of Christian and churchly education, and present to them the claims and advantages of these Institutions, and endeavor in every legitimate way to secure their free and loving patronage of the same.

DEB. WADDELL,
JOHN A. HARRISON,
DANIEL COLEMAN.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have printed 500 copies of the Journal of this Convention, to be in uniformity with the Journal of 1880.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, by a rising vote,

That the hearty thanks of this Convention be returned to the Rector, Wardens and Vestry, and the whole congregation, of St. John's Church, Montgomery, for the cordial and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the Convention, and that we will carry to our homes pleasant and grateful memories of this Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Church in this Diocese.

On motion, the Committee on the Temperance Society was continued till next Convention.

The following Report was presented, and, on motion, was received and concurred in:

The Special Committee, to whom the Report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund was referred, respectfully report: That, as the Convention has already acted upon the principal matters contained in the Report of the Trustees, no special action seems to be needed on the part of this Committee; but they would call the attention of the Convention to the statements of the Trustees, that "no change has been made in the securities of the Fund since the last Report in May, 1881," as directed by the Convention.

Respectfully submitted.

F B. CLARK,
W. H. BRAY,
J. H. FITTS.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund are hereby instructed to call in all moneys loaned, except that invested in Alabama Bonds, and the Hamner Hall Property, and to invest the same in Alabama Bonds, or such other public securities as they may deem best, within the next twelve months.

Also, to sell such Selma City Bonds as are the property of this Fund, and invest the same in Alabama Bonds.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 7 o'clock P. M.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., April 29, 1882.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The following Report was presented and read, and, on motion, was ordered to be spread upon the Minutes:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

More than the average annual furnishment for one Report is before us at this Convention. Only a few organized Parishes have not been heard from.

The numerical church hence reports progress in her communicants, with a shorter list of Confirmations; the Bishop's visitations having been so seriously crippled by his bodily prostration. He reports the Consecration of three new Churches. Others are known to be in process of erection, or actual waiting.

While we are by no means in ample supply of Clergy, the strong posts all stand garrisoned, with subsidy extended in the main to the weaker ones.

In our financial department, the grave delinquency was not without apprehension. *Worse* would have been a surprise to few of us.

It is within the province of the Committee on this important branch, and we trust they are equal to the emergency, to propose some provision for relief; at least for some abatement of the onerous Diocesan Assessment on the impoverished agricultural Parishes. With the ability to maintain but scant ministrations, they have patiently strained under this assessment from year to year, in the vain hope of prosperity; gathering their assessed quota from any and every avenue outside of their own bankrupt resources, until collapse total seems inevitable and imminent.

It is gratifying to note that Hamner Hall is strongly and deservedly growing in the general confidence of Parents who have Daughters to educate. Thoroughness of instruction and churchly training may be confidently relied on under its present competent Rector, the Rev. Dr. EVERHART. This Institution, admirably conducted, is rendering invaluable services to the Church, not bounded by dollars and cents.

With affection and sympathy for our esteemed and faithful Diocesan, in his precarious and protracted prostration of body, we mention our temporary loss of his going out and coming in among us; and in his presence again among us at this time, we welcome the cheerful promise of his continued usefulness in a long future.

Reviewing the history of our Diocese from its organization, we chronicle this Semi-Centennial year of its existence with gratitude and encouragement. Only one Bishop, our ever remembered Pioneer, the Sainted NICHOLAS HAMNER COBBS, has been taken from its field; unity has prevailed in all its counsels. In days of angry doctrinal controversy abroad, the voice of division has never been heard in its deliberations.

For these, and all His mercies, God's Holy Name be praised. Amen!

W. A. STICKNEY, Chairman.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Registrar be instructed to deliver to the Diocesan Printer, the historical papers relating to the different Parishes, to be by him published, if he decides to do so, without expense to the Diocese; the original papers to be returned to the Registrar.

On motion, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

RICHARD H. WILMER, President.

R. H. COBBS, Secretary.

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS

—TO THE—

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA,

APRIL 26, 1882.

1881.—May 11th.—Met the Annual Convention of the Diocese at Church of the Nativity, Huntsville; and after Sermon by the Rev. JOHN A. HARRISON, D. D., celebrated Holy Communion.

I spent the remainder of the week in attendance upon the sessions of the Convention.

May 15th—(4th Sunday after Easter.)—Preached at Church of the Nativity, Huntsville. At Evening Service, on same day, after a Sermon by the Rev. T. J. BEARD, made an address to the congregation, and confirmed 14 persons.

May 16th.—At Early Morning Service, in same Church, celebrated Holy Communion.

At night, preached at St. Luke's Church, Scottsboro, and confirmed 4 persons.

May 17th.—Preached in same Church, and celebrated Holy Communion.

At night, preached at St. Timothy's Church, Athens.

May 18th.—Preached again at same Church; confirmed 4 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

At night, preached at St. Paul's Church, Decatur.

May 19th.—Preached again at same Church, and celebrated Holy Communion.

At night, preached at Mountain Spring High School.

May 20th.—Preached at Mooresville; baptized an infant; confirmed 1 person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

At night, preached at St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.

May 21st.—Preached again in same Church; confirmed 12 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

Confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented by the Rector of Trinity Church, Florence—Rev. B. F. MOWER.

May 22nd—(5th Sunday after Easter.)—Preached at Trinity Church, Florence, and confirmed 5 persons; making 18 the number presented for Confirmation by the Rev. B. F. MOWER. I also celebrated Holy Communion.

After returning from the above Visitation, I was taken sick, and was compelled to withdraw a list of appointments which I had issued for the month of June; and held only occasional services at Spring Hill.

July 18th —Joined together a couple in Holy Matrimony, at Spring Hill.

About this time, through the kindness of an old and valued friend in Virginia, I was enabled to visit the White Sulphur Springs, where I remained several weeks: preaching occasionally, as I had ability and opportunity.

September 11th—(13th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at Christ Church, Charlottesville.

September 18th—(14th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached and celebrated Holy Communion at Emmanuel Church, Culpeper county, Virginia.

September 25th—(15th Sunday after Trinity.)—Held service at Spring Hill.

October 2nd—(16th Sunday after Trinity.)—Held service at Spring Hill.

October 9th—(17th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

October 16th—(18th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached and baptized an infant at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

October 19th.—Consecrated St. Paul's Church, Selma; Rev. Mr. Capers, of South Carolina (one of the former Rectors of this Church), preaching the Sermon. It was an occasion of deep interest. A large congregation was in attendance, and all of the neighboring Clergy were present. I made an Address, after the Sermon, congratulating the Vestry and Congregation upon the completion of a work, which had been begun in more prosperous times, and carried through, in spite of many discouragements, to a successful consummation. I pray God this Church may become the centre of a large Mission Work in the country around. The same energy that has accomplished so much at home, if applied to the work of the Church in the surrounding country, will not fail of the Divine Blessing.

October 20th.—At an Ordination held in St. Paul's Church, Selma, I made Deacon, Stewart McQueen, of Lowndesboro; the Rev. John A. Harrison, D. D., preaching the Sermon. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Dr. Stringfellow, who, with the Rev. Dr. Cobbs, had examined the candidate, and given certificate of his having satisfactorily passed the first two Examinations for Priest's Orders.

After the Sermon, I made an Address, and celebrated Holy Communion.

October 23rd—(19th Sunday after Trinity.)—Held service at Spring Hill.

October 30th—(20th Sunday after Trinity.)—Held service at Spring Hill.

November 6th—(21st Sunday after Trinity.)—Held service at same place.

November 10th.—Received the Letters Dismissory of the Rev. Theodore Reed, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Georgia, and accepted them.

November 13th—(22nd Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at Trinity Church, Demopolis, and confirmed 1 person.

In the afternoon, made an address to the Colored Congregation.

November 15th.—Consecrated a Church at Forkland, Greene county, and confirmed 1 person. Sermon by myself.

It will be remembered that this church building is that known in the journals as "St. John's in the Prairies." The church population had removed from its vicinity, and the consent of all the parties concerned was given to

its removal. An earnest congregation now worships within its walls, under the pastoral care of Rev. Dr. HARRISON.

November 17th.—Preached at St. Andrew's Church, Prairieville; confirmed 3 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

November 18th.—Preached at St. Michael's Church, Marengo county; confirmed 1 person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

November 20th—(Sunday before Advent.)—Preached at Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown, and celebrated Holy Communion.

November 22nd.—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, and confirmed 2 persons.

I had appointed the next day for a visitation to County Line, where a new church building awaits consecration, but a violent storm of rain prevented the fulfillment of my appointment.

November 23rd.—Preached at St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion; confirmed 1 person and celebrated Holy Communion.

November 27th—(1st Sunday in Advent.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Greensboro, and confirmed 3 persons.

At afternoon service, I made an address to the children of the congregation.

December 1st.—In pursuance of a promise made years ago, and at the request of the Bishop of Tennessee, I preached the Sermon at the Consecration of Trinity Church, Clarksville, Tenn.

December 2nd.—Made an address in Trinity Church, Clarksville.

December 4th—(2d Sunday in Advent.)—Preached, morning and evening, at the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville; celebrating Holy Communion and confirming 5 persons; giving 19 as the number confirmed in Huntsville since my last report.

December 6th.—Consecrated St. Luke's Church, Scottsboro; preaching the Sermon and confirming 5 persons.

Gave the Rev. JOHN B. GRAY Letters Dismissory to the Diocese of Maryland.

December 8th.—Preached at Church of the Advent, Birmingham, and celebrated Holy Communion.

December 11th—(3rd Sunday in Advent).—At St. Paul's Church, Selma, after a Sermon by the Rector, I confirmed 9 persons.

December 15th.—At St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, I made Deacon CORNELIUS A. APPLE, late a minister of the Methodist persuasion; Candidate presented by the Rev. J. S. JOHNSTON, who preached the Sermon; I also celebrated Holy Communion. This ordination was held in behalf, and at the request of, the Bishop of Florida, to whose Diocese the Candidate belonged.

December 28th.—Gave consent to the Consecration of the Rev. Dr. WHITEHEAD to the Episcopate of the Diocese of Pittsburg.

1882.—January 15th—(2d Sunday after Epiphany.)—Participated in Divine Service with the Bishop of Indiana at Christ Church, Mobile.

January 26th.—Baptized an infant grandchild of the late JOSEPH W. FIELD at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

February 15th.—Baptized, at Christ Church, Mobile, the infant son of Rev. CHAUNCY WILLIAMS, of the Diocese of Georgia.

February 28th.—Received the Letters Dismissory of the Rev. JAMES H. STRINGFELLOW from the Bishop of Maryland, and notified my acceptance of the same.

March 12th—(3rd Sunday in Lent.)—Preached at the Asylum of Tuskaloosa; the inclemency of the weather having prevented me from fulfilling a previous appointment for that day at Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

March 19th—(4th Sunday in Lent).—Preached at Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

March 20th.—At Evening Prayer in same Church, I baptized 3 infants.

March 24th.—At same Church, I made an Address to the congregation and baptized an infant.

March 25th.—At same Church, at Evening Prayer, I gave an instruction on Confirmation to the candidates and congregation.

March 26th—(5th Sunday in Lent.)—At same Church, after a Sermon by the Rev. JAS. H. STRINGFELLOW, the newly elected Rector, I made an Address and confirmed 10 persons; celebrating also Holy Communion.

I was enabled also to make many pastoral visits during my sojourn in Tuskaloosa. It will be gratifying to the many friends of the Church in this place to learn that speedy and effective measures have been taken for the enlargement and entire renovation of the Church building in Tuskaloosa—the oldest Church building, I am told, in the Diocese of Alabama. The Vestry have agreed to place the requisite amount of money in the hands of the Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW for that purpose. Many parts of the Diocese are much indebted to Dr. STRINGFELLOW for assistance in building and restoring our Churches.

I cannot leave my record of doings in Tuskaloosa without a word of appreciation in regard to the Asylum for the Insane. My opportunities for viewing it in all its aspects were very good. I could but admire the perfectness of its organization, the smooth and harmonious working of its machinery, and the varied provision for the health, comfort and entertainment of its inmates. Above all—there was such a fragrance of tenderness and sympathy, palpable almost to the senses, that permeated the whole place, as to cause ofttimes the feeling of wonder, if this indeed could be an Asylum for the Insane. It was my privilege to meet the inmates at daily morning prayer, and give them a word of sympathy and instruction. There are no people who appreciate sympathy more—and the only difference perceptible to me between an assembly of such persons and that of a promiscuous gathering of those who pass for sane people was, that the inmates of the Asylum were a little more reverent and well behaved. This, I think, is for the most part, due to the love and reverence which they cannot but feel for their Superintendent and his wife, and to the uniform kindness of all in charge, and who all participate in the services. All friends of humanity have cause to rejoice in the success of this Institution.

Received Testimonials from Standing Committee, recommending Rev. JESSE C. TAYLOR (Deacon) to be admitted to Priest's Orders. I had previ-

duly received a certificate from the Rev. Drs. STRINGFELLOW and COBBS, Examiners, to the effect that Mr. Taylor had passed his first and second examination for Priest's Orders satisfactorily.

March 31st.—Received Mr. CAMERON ANDERSON MORENO, of Montgomery, as a Postulant for Candidateship.

April 2nd—(Sunday before Easter.)—Preached at St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, and confirmed 6 persons.

The Ladies of this congregation have, by steady work during the last three years, accumulated a sum nearly adequate to the erection of a Parsonage on the church lot. They hope at an early day to have a Resident Minister in charge of the Church. The Rev. Dr. EVERHART has rendered effective service during the past year, and prepared the Class for Confirmation.

April 16th—(Easter Sunday.)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile; confirmed 7, and celebrated Holy Communion.

April 16th—(1st Sunday after Easter.)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile; confirmed 15 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion. Confirmed also in private a sick person; candidate presented by Rev. Mr. DRYSDALE.

April 23rd—(2nd Sunday after Easter.)—I made my Annual Visitation to St. John's, Mobile. After an address by the Rev. T. J. BEARD, in which he took leave of the congregation to enter upon another field of labor, I gave an instruction on Confirmation, and confirmed 57 persons; also celebrating Holy Communion. Many hearts were sad that day. I trust the same success will follow the labors of the retiring Rector in his new field.

SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL ACTS PERFORMED SINCE LAST CONVENTION.

Baptisms—Infants, 8.....Total,	8
Confirmations	167
Deacons Ordained	2
Churches Consecrated	3
Lay Readers Licensed	1

OFFICIAL NOTICES RECEIVED.

Notice of deposition of

FRANK E. BULLARD.....by Bishop of Nebraska.
H. G. BURTON.....by Bishop of Texas.
GEORGE L. BROOKS.....by Bishop of N. New Jersey.
W. H. HOPKINS.....by Bishop of Illinois.
J. K. YOKOYAMA.....by Bishop of Yedo.
ED. W. GILLIAM.....by Bishop of North Carolina.
J. N. DEXTER.....by Bishop of Albany.
WILLIAM N. COLEGROVE.....by Bishop of Iowa.
T. JERRIS EDWARDS.....by Bishop of Virginia.

Notice of suspension of Rev. ROLAND BRENT (Deacon) by Bishop of Kentucky.

Notice from Bishop of Kentucky that he had rejected the application of CHARLES E. ROBERT to become a Candidate for Orders.

Also, a notice from Bishop of Nevada that the name of G. W. FITCH had been stricken from the Roll of Candidates.

LETTERS DISMISSORY GIVEN AND ACCEPTED.

Rev. A. P. GREENLEAF (Deacon) to the Diocese of Wisconsin; Rev. CHAS. E. CABANISS to the Miss. Jurisdiction of Western Texas; Rev. J. B. GRAY to the Diocese of Maryland.

LETTERS DISMISSORY RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED.

Rev. JESSE C. TAYLOR (Deacon) from Bishop of Maryland; Rev. THEODORE REED from Bishop of Georgia; Rev. JAMES H. STRINGFELLOW from Maryland.

I gave my canonical consent to the consecration of Rev. Dr. WHITEHEAD to the Episcopate of Pittsburg.

CLERICAL CHANGES WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Rev. T. J. BEARD has resigned the Rectorship of St. John's Church, Mobile, and has accepted a call to the Church of the Advent, Birmingham.

Rev. GEORGE H. HUNT has resigned the Rectorship of Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

Rev. STEWART MCQUEEN has officiated by appointment at St. Luke's, Scottsboro; St. Timothy, Athens; and St. Paul's, Decatur, since his ordination as Deacon.

Rev. THEODORE REED is Rector of St. James' Church, Eufaula.

Rev. JESSE C. TAYLOR is officiating at St. Mark's, Prattville; St. Paul's, Lowndesboro, and St. Andrew's, Hayneville.

Rev. J. F. SMITH has officiated regularly at Cross Plains, in addition to his appointments at Montevallo, Talladega, and Jacksonville. A new church edifice has been built at Cross Plains.

Rev. JAMES H. STRINGFELLOW is Rector of Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

ACCOUNT OF CHURCH PROPERTY IN MY HANDS.

(1) Fund for building a Widows' and Orphans' Home at Huntsville. Last May, Mrs. LUCY BEIRNE MATTHEWS put into my hands, for the object named, as follows, viz.: 36 Shares of the Madison Turnpike Company, value not known; 13 Shares of the Nashville and Decatur Railroad, value not known; Certificate, which is now yielding 5 per cent. on Certificate.....$1,065 30

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, MOBILE.

I have in hand, invested in $1,000 Alabama Bonds (A).....Cost	$830	00
" " Certificate of Deposit for.....	111	27
	$941	27
Amt. received from Dr. MASSEY, see page 36 of Journal for 1880.....	815	35
Showing an increase of.....	$125	92

THE GIBSON PROPERTY.

I have found it impossible to make a final settlement of this long standing case. The late Mr. GIBSON left a note for some $2,000; loaned by him to a

person in Rome, Ga.; secured by a mortgage on real estate. A part of the money has been received, but in consequence of a prior lien upon the property, I have been compelled to await the movement of another party. The amount now due is inconsiderable, but will be obtained as soon as practicable.

"CHURCH HOME" FUND.

I reported in Journal of 1880 (p. 36), amount in hand	$12,089 73
I report in hand April 10, 1882	14,864 45
Showing an increase of	$ 2,774 72

CONDITION OF ASSETS, APRIL 10, 1882.

3	Bonds,	$1,000 each, Mobile County, 8 per cent	Cost	$2,850 00
3	"	$1,000 each, Mobile County, 8 per cent	"	3,150 00
1	"	$1,000, Alabama State (A)	"	490 00
1	"	$1,000, " " (A)	"	525 00
1	"	$1,000, " " (A)	"	525 00
1	"	$1,000, " " (A)	"	600 00
1	"	$1,000, " " (A)	"	600 00
1	"	$1,000, " " (A)	"	639 16⅔
1	"	$1,000, " " (A)	"	639 16⅔
1	"	$1,000, " " (A)	"	639 16⅔
1	"	$1,000, " " (A)	"	822 50
1	"	$1,000, M. & O. R. R., First Mortgage, 6 per cent.	"	1,172 50
		Value of Bonds at their Cost		$12,652 50

To Individual Notes, well secured	$1,524 80	
" Cash in Bank of Mobile for current expenses	687 15	$ 2,211 95
Balance in hand, as above stated		$14,864 45

These Bonds have greatly appreciated since they were purchased. Their present market value is some $2,500 more than they cost.

In view of coming exigencies, I am endeavoring to render our Church Homes self-supporting. Whether we shall extend our operations will depend upon events over which we can have no control.

N. B.—Since making out the above statement, I have, for greater security, exchanged the Alabama Coupon Bonds for Registered Bonds.

A review of the history and growth of the Church in the Diocese of Alabama during the last fifty years will come naturally into my Address to this Convention; the Convention, at its last Annual Session, having resolved to celebrate at this time the first Semi-Centennial of its organized existence. The Committee to whom has been assigned the task of arranging for this celebration, have, doubtless, collected all that can be known of the first thirty years of the history of the Diocese. My connection with the Diocese began a little more than twenty years ago—say March 6th, 1862, the date of my consecration.

I give the following summary of my official acts from that date to the present time:

Baptisms—Infants, 262; adults, 117—Total	379
Funerals	23
Marriages	40

Deacons made	28
Priests ordered	17
Churches Consecrated	19
Deaconesses set apart	14
Persons confirmed	6,475

It will be remembered that I came into the Diocese in time of civil war. That war ended in the subjugation of all the Southern States. We have passed through a grand Revolution, socially and politically. In view of all that has taken place during the last twenty years, the wonder with me is that so much has been accomplished by our people, under every possible disadvantage and discouragement We have lost a large number of our people by emigration to more fertile Territories. Compare the number of Confirmations reported for the last twenty years with the number of Communicants at present reported, and it will be seen how large a number must have emigrated from the State.

And the Clergy, finding no sufficient maintenance, have followed the tide of population. The statement following will show at a glance how the Clergy have been affected by the fluctuations of the times:

No. of Clergy canonically resident in Diocese, March 6th, 1862		34
No. of Clergy since added by transfer from other Dioceses	49	
No. of Clergy since added by Ordination to the Diocenate	22—	71
No. of Clergy at any time connected with Diocese since above date		105
No. of Clergy died whilst resident in the Diocese	8	
No. of Clergy transferred to other Dioceses since date	66	
No. of Clergy deposed since above date	3—	77
		28
One under suspension, name not reported		1
Present number reported		27

Whilst, therefore, I report a large number of new church buildings erected during the last twenty years, we have fewer clergymen by six than was reported in 1862. And yet the number of communicants is now much greater. This result is due to the very great increase of communicants in our larger Parishes.

I am, as I have often said, greatly at a loss to know how to increase the number of the clergy. If the material condition of the State were more satisfactory, I could hold out more inducements to clergymen from abroad to come and labor in our vacant Parishes. I can not persuade men to come into the Diocese, when I can give them no well founded assurance that they will find a support. I have better opportunities than any other person for forming a judgment in regard to the condition of the State. And I have no hesitation in saying that the Agricultural section of Alabama is in a declining condition, and that the larger proportion of our churches are located in that section. Labor is becoming less and less reliable, and there is no observable improvement in the science or art of agriculture. More land is thrown out annually than is cleared or improved. Besides, through the influence of com-

etition, the intelligent capital employed in planting is dictated to by igno-
nt and improvident labor. The natural order of things is thus reversed.
l such a condition no industry can thrive. As a general rule, our planters
e not thriving. They are glad to be able to meet their pressing obligations.
e spirit of enterprise has no scope under such a state of things, and our
ers of the soil have been compelled to limit their hopes to this one end—to
ke both ends meet. In our smaller villages, and in our thinly populated
al districts, a ministry can not be supported by a people thus conditioned.
nd as it regards the Mineral section of the State, whilst there is much
m for hope in the distant future, there is nothing to warrant the expecta-
of any great gain in the near present. Capital employed in working iron
not be rapidly moved from place to place, as interest might suggest, and
specially requires skill gained by experience to succeed in this department
abor.

nd it deserves to be noted that we have only added one to the number of
congregations in the Mineral region of the State during the last ten years,
lst in the same time, all our rural congregations have languished, many
vacant, and some have expired. We have to look such facts as these in
face. For, while the Church is not of the world, it is *in* the world; and
ve yet to know of a flourishing church in the midst of an unthriving and
hrifty people.

ut I turn from a matter, for which there is in our hands no available rem-
, to another which most deeply concerns the honor and conscience of this
urch. If I rightly understand the significance of this semi-centennial cel-
ation, we are not only to dwell upon the past with regrets or felicitations,
he case may be, but with earnest solicitude for the future. Another semi-
tennial, and where shall we be? Not one of us, in all probability, will
e part in a similar celebration, but our labors and influence will be repre-
ted there. We have entered into the labors of others, who have gone be-
e us. Their work, as well as ours, appears in the summation of fifty years'
rk; and similarly shall we be represented in any future celebration of this
racter.

But the matter which I wish especially to urge upon your attention now is,
relation of this Church to our Colored population. I had hoped to be
e to present to you some well considered scheme for organized labor among
s class of our people, at this time. With this end in view, I sought to
tain a conference of all the Southern Bishops, at Mobile, January last.
happily, as it seemed, the Bishops, with the exception of a small minority,
re so occupied in Diocesan duties as not to be able to attend. The plan
led for that time; but it is to be hoped that we shall be able to meet at
wanee, in August next, and take counsel upon a subject, which will demand
that we may have of wisdom and earnestness.

Meanwhile, I feel it incumbent upon me to say a few words explanatory of
position, which I have felt called upon to occupy for the last seventeen
rs. In the very act of the emancipation of the colored population, the
wer to control and the ability to provide for their spiritual needs was lost
us. Up to that period of time, we had enjoyed the high privilege of min-

istering to them, and of gathering them to our altars in loving confidence. And when the sudden emancipation of the race took place, we gave to the country a population, which, according to the judgment of the dominant party in this country, was entitled, and adequate, to discharge all the duties and enjoy all the privileges of American citizenship. What mission of what church, or what combination of missions, at this time, can present such a result?

But with this newly acquired freedom came impatience of subordination, unwillingness to be taught, and distrust of those who alone could do them lasting good. Puffed up by political demagogues, who elevated them only to elevate themselves upon them, they were filled with a not unnatural conceit, and misconstrued every effort to do them good as a tribute to their importance. For my part, I stood still. I had no lessons to learn from any quarter of obligation to teach the ignorant. A large part of my ministerial life had been spent in preaching to them the Gospel of peace and purity. I was unwilling—my self-respect and sense of official propriety made me unwilling—to work through an instrumentality which was created in distrust of myself and placed beyond my control. In answer to interrogatories, whether I would welcome teachers from other sections, I replied, invariably, that it would depend upon what was taught. I further replied, that I would use any means sent to me in behalf of these people, but through an agency of my own selection. This was the plan pursued in reference to the whites, and I could see no reason, save that which originated in distrust, for any such discrimination as was proposed to be made. Of course, nothing further came of the matter.

At the present time--and I have long and earnestly looked forward to it—I think there is a great change. The storm having passed away the waters begin to subside, and are finding their proper level. Nothing unnatural can last long. But a vast complex subject presents itself; sufficient to dismay a younger man than myself. What can we do? Not all that presents itself to our view, indeed, but something definite, systematic and practicable, howsoever small at the beginning.

For example—if we could erect a suitable building in any one of our large cities, and have such a service as is adapted to the needs and tastes of this people, it would be impossible to calculate the influence which would extend from this centre to the most distant parts of the State. The building should be attractive—the service in great part choral, and all things adapted to the characteristics of this people. Every thing in the Church was made for man, and this man of whom I speak, is peculiarly responsive and imitative. The services of this Church are peculiarly suited to his needs, and can be so rendered as to adapt them to his tastes. If a luxury to the cultivated, the Liturgy is a necessity for the ignorant.

This work should begin as the Church began, and as all great movements must begin—at the commercial centres, the ganglions of the body corporate. The influences generated in these nerve centres, will spread in time through the villages and rural districts. Meanwhile, in all our congregations, some effort should be made to instruct these people in the Catechism and Church

Services. We must have a care lest we allow the relationship between master and servant—good old Scripture designations these—to degenerate into a merely mercenary connection. There is a tendency to this now. It was not so in old times. There was an affection and sympathy, and feeling of mutual dependence, which had not its parallel in any community whose records have come down to our day. If all this is done away with now and the liability exists to regard exclusively the factors of work and pay there is especial reason for watchfulness, lest we lose sight of those ever enduring laws—"Master, give unto your servants that which is just and equal;" and "Servants, be obedient unto your masters—not with eye service as men pleasers, but as the servants of God." Old time truths, but well nigh forgotten and obsolete. Yet, will they continue in force while society exists and the Kingdom of God shall rule. What sort of society must that be, and in what condition must the Church of God be, when the elementary laws of common life are treated as out of fashion, and can no longer be promulgated from the pulpit, without wounding some fanatical spirits! There is no precept of Holy Scripture, which is not susceptible of application to daily life, nor is there one which can be neglected, without a measurable loss. The observance of these laws of which we are now speaking, is the remedy for much of our social disorder and discontent. "Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal." The simple payment of stipulated wages does not meet the requirements of this just and benignant rule. It requires us to give kindly sympathy and all that our servants need to inspire them with an especial aim and to help them to its attainment. Their hearts can be won, their confidence established, and their characters elevated. The servants of a family will in a degree reproduce the lives of their employers. Were these servants in our assemblies, I should also dwell upon the correlative duties of servants to their masters. But alas! Society is broken up and divided by denominational lines—the result, in large part, of social jealousies. This is a painful spectacle indeed, and discloses how sadly out of joint is the whole social fabric. It remains for us to see what can be done in the way of remedying this great evil. It is the most difficult problem that presents itself for our solution.

It is with deep regret that I have to report a limited visitation of the Diocese during the year just closed. I have suffered for some months from protracted indisposition, and, for a while, could not repress the conviction that my work was well nigh done. But I have so far improved in health, as to warrant the hope that I may yet have some work to do, "before I go hence and be no more seen."

I have now entered upon the twenty-first year of my Episcopate. For twenty years I was able to make my annual visitations to all the Parishes in the Diocese, and during that time have seldom failed to meet my appointments. I cannot reasonably expect the same continuous strength in the performance of those duties which may now await me. I can only say that my work in the Diocese has been most truly a labor of love; made so in large part by the kind sympathies of the Clergy and Laity thereof. I know not how to give adequate expression to the feeling of grateful appreciation, which

fills my heart, when I take a review of the last twenty years. I hop able to manifest it by a more earnest and painstaking ministry in th that may still be before me. To this end I ask your prayers unto t and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And let us all, beloved Brethren, while we naturally and properly ourselves in mutual congratulations upon what has been already accom by the blessing of God upon our past labors, gird ourselves for renew gence in the years yet to come; always abounding in the work of th forasmuch as we know that our labor shall not be in vain in th Amen.

Faithfully yours,

RICHARD H. WIL

Parochial Reports.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE—Rev. Alex. I. Drysdale, Rector.
April 24th, 1882.

Communicants—In 1881, 350; died, 8		Present No.	362
Sunday School—Teachers, 14; Scholars, 141		Total	155
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 39; private, 4		Total	43
Baptisms			12
Confirmations			16
Marriages			5
Funerals			22
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$3,000 00		
Convention Fund	650 00		
Current Expenses	1,663 64—	$ 5,313	64
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms	$ 257 60		
Benefactions	80 00—	337	60
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Church Home	$1,143 25		
Diocesan Missions	366 63		
To a Missionary not included in report	50 00—	1,559	88
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions	21 75		
University of the South	95 00—	116	75
Total Expenditures		$ 7,327	87

Remarks.—Estimated value of Church Property, including Rectory and furniture, $37,500.

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA—Rev. Jas. H. Stringfellow, Rector.
April 25th, 1882.

Communicants—In 1881, 178; died, 1; removed, 2; added, 10.	Present No.	185
Baptized Persons not Communicants		300
Total Parishioners		485
Sunday School—Teachers, 10; Scholars, 75	Total	85
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 9	Total	9
Baptisms		9
Confirmations		10
Marriages		2
Funerals		1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last report		9
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$975 35	
Convention Fund	150 00	
Current Expenses	274 90	
Repairs	256 65	
Total Expenditures	$1,656 90	

REMARKS.—The present Rector entered upon the discharge of his duties on Easter Sunday, April 9th, after an interregnum in the Rectorship of the Parish of more than three months The above report, therefore, is necessarily very imperfect. The present condition and the outlook for the future of the Parish, is highly encouraging.

Extensive alterations are now progressing on the Church building so as practically, to make it a new structure, and when completed, it will be an ornament to the town and worthy the name it bears.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO—REV. R. H. COBBS, Rector.
April 24th, 1882.

Communicants—In 1882, 122; died, 2; removed, 2		Present No.	122
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 45		Total	51
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 15		Total	15
Baptisms			14
Confirmations			3
Marriages			3
Funerals			4
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$937 76		
Convention Fund	150 00		
Current Expenses	24 25—	$ 1,111	01
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions		132	00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions	$ 5 00		
Foreign Missions	10 00		
University of the South	15 00		
Conversion of Jews	10 00		
Otherwise	10 00—	50	00
Total Expenditures		$1,293	01

REMARKS.—The offering presented by the Sunday School at Easter amounted to $191.60. Of this sum, $60 was contributed to Diocesan Missions; the balance being reserved for a stained glass window. The Church building is estimated to be worth $8,000; the Rectory, $2,000.

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, MARION—REV. R. H. COBBS, Rector.
April 24th, 1882.

Communicants—In 1881, 51	Present No.	54
Sunday School Teachers, 6; scholars, 25	Total	31
Celebration of Holy Communion	Total	12
Baptisms		3
Confirmations		1
Funerals		1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$77	10
Convention Fund	50	00
Repairs	23	00
Total Expenditures	$ 150	10

'. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY—Rev. H. Stringfellow, Rector.

April 26th, 1882.

mmunicants—In 1882, 487; died, 7; removed, 20	Present No...	495
nday School—Teachers, 26; scholars, 190	Total...	216
lebration of Holy Communion—Public, 28; private, 4	Total...	32
ptisms		24
nfirmations		35
arriages		7
nerals		12
mber of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		10

rochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector	$3,000 00	
Convention Fund	650 00	
Current Expenses	1,838 80	
Repairs	300 00	
Painting Rectory	160 00—	$ 5,948 80
arities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	240 35	
Harvest Home	150 00	
Easter Offering of Sunday School	568 00	
Memorial Windows	230 00—	1,188 35
arities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		240 00
arities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South		50 00
her Contributions for Church Purposes		75 00
Total Expenditures		$ 7,482 15

Remarks.—Valuation of the property, $50,000.

GRACE CHURCH, DALLAS COUNTY—Rev. F. B. Lee, Rector.

April 25th, 1882.

mmunicants—In 1881, 39; removed, 7	Present No...	32
ptized Persons not Communicants		30
Total Parishioners		62
lebration of Holy Communion—Public, 10; private, 3	Total...	13
ptisms		2
arriages		3
mber of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12

rochial Expenditures—

Easter Offering	$ 20 00	
Salary of Rector	27 50	
Convention Fund	20 00	
Repairs	500 00—	$ 567 50
arities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		16 75
Total Expenditures		$ 584 25

Remarks.—The members of this Parish have fitted up the meeting house, hich they now own, in comparatively neat, churchly style, and have supied it with chancel furniture of highly appropriate character. Its conseation was postponed in consequence of a stormy day.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE—Rev. J. S. Johnston, Rector.

April 25th, 1882.

Communicants—In 1881, — ; died, 7 ; removed, 5...Present No. about	325
Baptized Persons not Communicants.....about	500
Total Parishioners	825
Sunday School—Teachers, 21 ; Scholars, 200.....Total	221
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 17 ; Private, 7 .....Total	24
Baptisms	31
Confirmations	7
Marriages	8
Funerals	20
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report	11

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$1,800 00	
Convention Fund	325 00	
Current Expenses	927 30	
Repairs	73 34—	$3,125 64
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	250 30—	250 30
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Church Home	494 00	
Diocesan Missions	126 60	
Widows and Orphans Deceased Clergymen	30 45	
Society for the Conversion of the Jews	13 25—	664 30
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions		8 00
Foreign Missions	25 35	
University of the South	21 90—	47 25
Total Expenditures		$4,095 49

Remarks.—There has been a marked improvement in the temporal affairs of the Parish since my last Report, owing to the payment of a debt which had been an incubus for some time. There are on the Parish Register about 425 names. I have been able to find about 325 of them. Of this number about 200 are actual Communicants.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, EUFAULA, ALA.—Rev. Theodore Reed, Rector.

April 26th, 1882.

Number of Communicants	80
Sunday School—Teachers, 7 ; Scholars, 37.....Total	44
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public	8
Baptisms	1
Marriages	1

Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report: since the 1st of November, 1881.

Parochial Expenditures—	
Salary of Rector, per annum	$1,000 00
Convention Fund	125 00
Current Expenses	37 05
Communion Alms	24 15
Easter Offering for Benefit of Sunday School	26 25
Other Parochial Purposes	150 00
Total Expenditures	$1,362 45

y Ladies' Aid Society.....$50 00
aster Offering by the Children of the Sunday School for Chancel Furniture..... 79 25
Cash..... 35 80

Benefactions beyond the Diocese—
University of the South.....$50 00

Estimated value of Church building and Lot.....$1,500

REMARKS.—This Report dates from the time I took charge of the Parish, 1st of November, 1881.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE—REV. J. M. BANISTER, Rector.

April 26th, 1882.

Communicants—In 1881, 252; died, 3: removed, 4.....Present No...265
Sunday School—Teachers, 14; Scholars, about 174.....Total...188
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 15; Private, 2.....Total... 17
Baptisms..... 5
Confirmations..... 19
Marriages..... 2
Funerals..... 9
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report..... 9

Parochial Expenditures—
Salary of Rector.....$1,800 00
Convention Fund..... 325 00
Current Expenses..... 342 44
Repairs..... 40 00

Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—
Communion Alms..... 105 65
Offerings t Children's Easter Festival..... 561 80

Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—
Diocesan Missions..... 137 00

Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—
Domestic Missions..... 10 00
Foreign Missions..... 10 00

Total Expenditures.....$3,430 53

REMARKS.—The Rector, by the vote of his Vestry, was absent three months during last summer, which is the first vacation he has taken in twenty-three years; and as this was really necessary, he can say with a clear conscience, the above stated, that the number of months spent in his Parish since last Report is only nine.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MOBILE—REV. THOS. J. BEARD, Rector.

April 24th, 1882.

Communicants—In 1881, 639; died 19; removed, 17.....Present No...686
Baptized Persons not Communicants—Not known.
Sunday School—Teachers, 18; scholars, 200.....Total...218
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 74; private, 24.....Total... 98
Baptisms.....105
Confirmations..... 57
Marriages..... 25
Funerals..... 65
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report..... 12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$1,769 85	
Convention Fund	200 00	
Current Expenses	375 95	
Repairs	192 65	
Sunday School	79 25—	$ 2,617 70
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		75 55
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Church Home	377 35	
Diocesan Missions	87 50—	464 85
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	12 00	
Foreign Missions	10 25	
Society for Relief of Widows of deceased Clergy,	19 00—	41 25
Total Expenditures		$ 3,199 35

REMARKS.—Estimated value of Church property $14,850.

GRACE CHURCH, ANNISTON—REV. WALLACE CARNAHAN, Rector.

April 25th, 1882.

Communicants—In 1882,		30
Sunday School—Teachers, 10; scholars, 60	Total...	70
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 12	Total...	12
Baptisms		11
Confirmations—(No visitation of the Bishop).		
Marriages		5
Funerals		23
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$1,500 00	
Convention Fund	75 00	
Current Expenses	101 15	
Donations to the Rector	450 00	
For the Sunday School	167 27—	$ 2,293 42
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	37 16	
Other contributions for the poor	177 30—	214 46
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions	7 00	
For a Diocesan Missionary	50 00	
Other Diocesan objects	8 00—	65 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	18 28	
Foreign Missions	17 72	
University of the South	36 00	
Church Society for the Jews	2 00	
Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergy	13 00—	87 00
Total Expenditures		$ 2,659 88

REMARKS.—A class of candidates for Confirmation await the visit of the Bishop.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MARENGO COUNTY—DAVID MINGE, Senior Warden.

April 24th, 1882.

Communicants—In 1881, 28; removed, 2.....Present No...	29
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public	2
Baptisms	5
Confirmations	1
Funerals	1
Parochial Expenditures—	
Convention Fund	$50 00
Current Expenses	8 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—	
Communion Alms	3 00
Total Expenditures	$61 00

REMARKS.—Amount of Church Property supposed to be three thousand dollars.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, TALLADEGA—REV. J. F. SMITH, Rector.

April 20th, 1882.

Communicants—In 1881, 60; died, 1; removed, 3.....Present No...	56
Baptized Persons not Communicants	60
Total Parishioners	116
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 30.....Total...	36
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 10.....Total...	10
Baptisms	1
Marriages	1
Funerals	1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report	12
Parochial Expenditures—	
Salary of Rector	$150 00
Current Expenses	20 00
Repairs	10 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—Communion Alms	35 00
Total Expenditures	$215 00

Value of Church property, $1,200.

REMARKS.—In this Parish the Church is maintaining her ground, though not advancing, as previous gains would authorize the expectation.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE—REV. J. F. SMITH, Rector.

April 20th, 1882.

Communicants—In 1881, 55; died, 3; removed, 2.....Present No...	50
Baptized Persons not Communicants	55
Total Parishioners	105
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public	11
Funerals	3
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report	12

Parochial Expenditures—
Salary of Rector $150 00
Current Expenses 20 00
Repairs 600 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—
Communion Alms 27 25

Total Expenditures $797 25

Value of Church Property, $3,000.

REMARKS.—The present prospects of this Parish are very encouraging. The Church lot has been enclosed with a new fence; the Church building thoroughly repaired, newly and beautifully painted; the floor newly carpeted; a new Organ in position. Such interest on the part of the members certainly indicates life, and the prospect of growth. We have had no Episcopal visitation since last Convention; hence no confirmations.

MONTEVALLO MISSION—REV. J. F. SMITH, Evangelist.

April 20th, 1882.

Communicants—In 1881, 10 ..... Present No... 12
Baptized Persons not Communicants 20

Total Parishioners 32

Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 2
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report 12

Parochial Expenditures—
Salary of Rector $125 00
Current Expenses 10 00
Repairs 120 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—
Communion Alms 15 00

Total Expenditures $270 00

Value of Church Property, $900.

REMARKS.—The present prospects of this Mission are encouraging. Its numbers have been kept down by removals. But there is hope of an increase ere long. The Church building is, too, furnished with blinds, and is now being painted, at an expense of over one hundred dollars. This, it is to be hoped, indicates prosperity.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, GREENVILLE, ALA.—DAVID BUELL, Senior Warden.

April 26th, 1882.

Communicants—In 1881, 53; died, 1; removed, 9 ..... Present No... 46
Baptized Persons not Communicants (including Children) 42

Total Parishioners 88

Sunday School—Teachers, 8; Scholars, 47 ..... Total... 55
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 4
Baptisms 4
Confirmations 6
Marriages 1
Funerals 2

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$100 00	
Convention Fund	40 00	
Current Expenses	25 30	
Rectory Fund	544 25	$709 55
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Church Home	15 00	
Diocesan Missions	22 50	37 50
Total Expenditures		$747 05

REMARKS.—This Parish has been without a Rector since 1st of January last, but has had Lay services every Sunday morning, and frequent week day services during Lent, which have been well attended.

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPLIS—REV. JOHN A. HARRISON, Rector.

April 25th, 1882.

Communicants—In 1881, 84; died, 3; removed, 3	Present No...	82
Sunday School—Teachers, 10; Scholars—white, 40; colored, 75	Total...	115
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 15	Total...	15
Baptisms—White, 7; colored, 4	Total...	11
Confirmations		1
Funerals		6
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$700 00	
Convention Fund	120 00	
Current Expenses	66 00	
Repairs	216 45	
Debt on Rectory, in full	200 00	
Improvements on the same	50 00	$1,352 45
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	7 75	
Organ for the Colored Sunday School	65 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Church Home—Box of useful articles.		
Diocesan Missions	64 35	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	8 00	
University of the South	15 00	
Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergy	16 00	176 10
Total Expenditures		$ 1,538 55

REMARKS.—Within the past year, the Parish has received from Gen. Z. C. Deas, of New York, a very beautiful "Corona Lucis." The kind giver has since died. We prize the Chandelier now, not only for what it is in itself, but also as a memorial of him.

Value of Church Building, $10,000; Rectory, $2,000.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, EVERGREEN—P. D. BOWLES, Senior Warden.

April 27th, 1882.

Communicants—In 1881, 12	Present No...	12
Baptized Persons not Communicants		17
Total Parishioners		29

Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 26.....Total... 31

Parochial Expenditures—

Convention Fund	$ 10 00
Current Expenses—Sunday School	15 00
Church Bell and Belfry	100 00
Total Expenditures	$ 125 00

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, TROY—Rev. DeB. Waddell, Rector.

April 26th, 1882.

Communicants—In 1881, 25; died, 1; removed, 2.....Present No... 22
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 6.....Total... 6
Baptisms 2
Confirmations--No visitation.
Funerals 1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report..... 12

Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector	$385 00	
Convention Fund	20 00	
Current Expenses	25 00	$ 430 00

Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—

Communion Alms	20 00
Total Expenditures	$ 450 00

Remarks.--The Church property consists of the Church building and lot, and Organ, valued at $1,500.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, PRATTVILLE—J. C. Taylor, Missionary in Charge.

April 25th, 1882.

Communicants—In 1881, 27; removed, 4.....Present No... 23
Baptized Persons not Communicants--not known.

Total Parishioners..... 23

Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 30.....Total... 36
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 1.....Total... 1
Baptisms..... 1
Marriages 1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report..... 8

Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector	$ 93 45
Convention Fund	15 00
Current Expenses	6 95
Other Contributions for Church Purposes	14 35
Total Expenditures	$129 75

Value of Church Property, $1,500, *i. e.*, Church building and site.

Remarks.--My work began in this Parish September 1st, 1881. There is a fund now in hand for repairs and for repainting the Church.

GRACE CHURCH, CLAYTON—REV. DEB. WADDELL, Rector.

April 26th, 1882.

Communicants—In 1881, 27	Present No...	27
Sunday School—Teachers 8; scholars, 30	Total...	38
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 14		14
Baptisms		3
Confirmations—No visitations.		
Marriages		1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$175 00	
Convention Fund	15 00	
Current Expenses	40 00	$ 230 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		20 00
Total Expenditures		$250 00

REMARKS.—The property of the Parish consists in the Church building, bell, organ and lot, valued at about $3,500.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOWNDESBORO—REV. J. C. TAYLOR, Missionary in Charge.

April 25th, 1882.

Communicants—In 1881, 18	Present No...	18
Total Parishioners		18
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		8

Parochial Expenditures—	
Salary of Rector	$109 00
Convention Fund	60 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—Communion Alms	2 60
Other Contributions for Church Purposes	7 60
Total Expenditures	$179 20

Value of Church property, $2,500; *i. e.*, Church building, $2,000; Rectory, $500.

REMARKS.—I began my work in this Parish September 1st, 1881. There is a fund in hand, and shingles on the ground to re-roof and otherwise repair the Church building.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, UNIONTOWN—REV. W. A. STICKNEY, Rector.

April 25th, 1882.

Communicants—In 1881, 55 reported; died, 1; removed, 1	Present No...	53
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 25	Total...	30
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 15; private, 1		16
Baptisms		4
Marriages		1
Funerals		5

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector ($250 promised); received	$127 35	
Convention Fund	60 00	
Current Expenses	44 70	
Repairs	10 50	$ 242 55
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		8 40
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Society Promoting Christianity Among the Jews		2 35
Total Expenditures		$244 90

REMARKS.—I have been successful in more than meeting my bi-monthly Sunday engagements with the Parish. The Church has been open on the higher Fasts and Festivals, on Thanksgiving Day, and the Fridays in Lent. Lay-reading has also been kept up. In St. Michael's Parish I celebrated one Holy Communion with services and preaching, and one in private; baptized 5 infants and buried 2. All duly reported to the proper official for recording.

MEMORANDUM.—The property of the Parish: Church and Cemetery around it, valued at $2,000; Rectory and its lot of some 5 acres, $1,800; total $3,800.

TRINITY CHURCH, UNION SPRINGS—REV. DEB. WADDELL, Rector.

April 26th, 1882.

Communicants—In 1881, 20; died 1	Present No.	19
Sunday School—Teachers		5
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		6
Baptisms		3
Confirmations	No visitation...	
Funerals		1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$150 00	
Convention Fund	10 00	
Current Expenses	25 00	
	$185 00	$185 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	$40 00	40 00
Total Expenditures		$225 00

REMARKS.—The Church Property consists of a house and lot. The building is a store-house, which is fitted up into a chapel. It is worth $800.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HAYNEVILLE, ALA.—REV. I. C. TAYLOR, Missionary in Charge.

April 25th, 1882.

Communicants—In 1881, 37	Present No.	37
Baptized Persons not Communicants	Not known...	
Total Parishioners		37
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		1
Baptisms—Public		2
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		8

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$90 15	$ 90 15
Convention Fund	12 00	12 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	1 35	1 35
Other contributions for Church purposes	5 90	5 90
Total Expenditures		$109 40

Value of Church property, $500—*i. e.*, church building and site.

Remarks.—I began my work in the Parish, September 1st, 1881; having been engaged from the 20th of June until that time in temporary charge of St. John's Church, Montgomery, during the absence of the Rector.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, EUTAW—Rev. Stephen U. Smith, Rector.

April 26th, 1882.

Communicants—In 1881, 44	Present No...44
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 32	Total...37
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public	10
Baptisms	4
Marriages	One in Tuskaloosa...
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report	12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector		$330 00
Convention Fund		50 00
Current Expenses		47 10
		$427 10
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	$40 35	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions (Jews)—Taken from Comm'n Off'g...	3 00	
University of the South	5 00	
Sent Bishop Harris for Michigan sufferers—Taken from Communion Offerings	6 45	

Remarks.—Three Communicants not reported. Value of Church Property, $2,000.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, FORK OF GREENE—Rev. Stephen U. Smith, Rector.

April 26th, 1882.

Communicants—In 1881, 11	Present No...11
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public	9
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report	12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$164 00	
Convention Fund	25 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	22 40	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South (Com. Alms)	2 55	
Total Expenditures		$213 95

Remarks.—Two Communicants not reported. Church Property valued at $1,200.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, BIRMINGHAM—J. A. VAN HOOSE, Deacon, Temporarily in Charge.

April 24th, 1882.

Communicants—In 1881, about 120; died, 2; removed, 4...Present No. about...135
Baptized Persons not Communicants.....Not known...
Total Parishioners.....Not known...
Sunday School—Teachers, 10; scholars, 95.....Total...105
Marriages..... 2
Funerals..... 5

Parochial Expenditures—
Salary of Rector.....$500 00
Convention Fund..... 60 00
Current Expenses..... 190 00
Repairs..... 525 00

Total Expenditures.....$1,275 90

REMARKS.—Owing to an extended vacation of the Rector last summer, and the vacancy of same since, this Report is incomplete in many respects.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE—REV. F. B. LEE, Rector.

April 26th, 1882.

Communicants—In 1881, 64.....Present No... 65
Baptized Persons not Communicants..... 55

Total Parishioners.....120

Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 43.....Total... 48
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 11; Private, 2.....Total... 13
Baptisms..... 3
Confirmations..... 1
Funerals..... 4
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report..... 12

Parochial Expenditures—
Salary of Rector.....$163 00
Convention Fund..... 30 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—
Communion Alms..... 29 90
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—
Domestic Missions..... 5 00
Other contributions for Church purposes..... 45 50

Value of Church Property $242 50.

REMARKS.—It is a cause of thankfulness, as well as of gratification, to be privileged to record the yearly increasing interest which is manifested by the people of my charge in matters connected with the welfare of the Parish and the Church. The Rector also avails himself of this opportunity to make public acknowledgment of an exhibition of this interest in his own behalf, by the bestowal of sundry valuable and useful Easter donations by members of the congregation and the children of the Sunday School. These, as expressions of kindly regard, have a value beyond their intrinsic worth.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA, ALA.—REV. R. W. BARNWELL, Rector.

April 26th, 1882.

Communicants—In 1881, 215; removed, 17.....Present No...208
Sunday School—Teachers, 12; Scholars, 110.....Total...122
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 15; private, 1.....Total... 16
Baptisms..... 19
Confirmations..... 9
Marriages..... 1
Funerals..... 5
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report..... 11

Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector	$1,500 00
Convention Fund	325 00
Current Expenses	550 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—	
Ladies' Societies	250 00
Harvest Home	150 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—	
Diocesan Missions	75 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—	
Conversion of Jews	7 00
Total Expenditures	$2,850 00

REMARKS.—Value of Church property, $4,000.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FORKLAND—REV. JOHN A. HARRISON, Rector.

April 26th, 1882.

Communicants—Present Number.....20
Sunday School—Teachers, 7; scholars, 26.....Total...33
Baptisms..... 1
Confirmations..... 1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Convention..... 12

Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector	$200 00
Convention Fund	15 00
Communion Alms	18 20
Diocesan Missions	10 00
University of the South	6 55
Total Expenditures	$249 75

REMARKS.—This Parish was admitted into union with the Convention at its last session. Its beautiful little Church, which was Consecrated by the Bishop, in November last, is affectionately cared for, and the monthly services held in it, highly prized.

The value of the property may be set down at $2,500.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LIVINGSTON—W. R. DELOACH, Junior Warden.

April 24th, 1882.

Communicants—In 1881, 35; removed, 6.....Present No...29
Baptized Persons not Communicants.....15
Sunday School—Teachers, 4; scholars, 17.....Total...21

Parochial Expenditures—
Current Expenses.....$154 00

Total Expenditures.....$154 00

REMARKS.—Church building and lot, worth about $1,600; Rectory building and lot, worth about $1,300; Organ, $300; Sunday School Library, $40.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON STATION—REV. R. H. COBBS, Rector.

April 24th, 1882.

Communicants.....Present No...22
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 11.....Total...11
Baptisms..... 2
Confirmations..... 3
Funerals..... 2
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report.....11
Parochial Expenditures—
Salary of Rector.....$200 00
Convention Fund..... 45 00
Balance, 1881..... 7 75

Total Expenditures.....$252 75

REMARKS.—The Church building is estimated to be worth $1,200.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, DECATUR, ALA.—REV. STEWART MCQUEEN, Clergyman in Charge.

From November 1st, 1881, to May 1st, 1882.

Communicants, 30; removed, 3.....Present No...27
Baptized Persons not Communicants.....12

Total Parishioners.....39

Sunday School—Teachers, 4; Scholars, 13.....Total...17
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 1; private, 1..... 2
Funerals..... 1
Parochial Expenditures—
Salary of Rector.....$122 55
Convention Fund..... 25 00
Rector's expenses to Convention..... 4 00
Offertory..... 24 05
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—
Communion Alms..... 90

Total Expenditures.....$176 50

Value of Church property, $2,000.

REMARKS.—Of the Offertory ($24.05), $13.30 was used to pay salary of the Rector. Service is held in St. Paul's two Sundays per month, first and third. Prospects, middling only.

April 25th, 1882.

FAUNSDALE CHAPEL, FAUNSDALE, MARENGO COUNTY.

REV. W. A. STICKNEY, Rector—COLORED CONGREGATION.

April 25th, 1882.

Communicants—scattered hither and thither—about.....25
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public..... 3
Baptisms—Infants.....16

Marriages..... 7
Funerals..... 2

Public services in the Chapel and instruction of the children on my spare Sundays, when permitted by the weather.

Memorandum.—The Chapel cost $2,500.

I have nothing encouraging to report in this field.

Much profession of religion has been the melancholy limit of my experience and observation, in urging this race to conformity with the Gospel.

It remains yet for me to see that the Christian profession improves their morality, or subjugates their baser passions. Nor in the rising generation—Baptized in their changed political condition—under my spiritual tutelage, am I permitted to see the star of hope ascendant. Here is the dreary desert outstretched before my vision: without living examples as standards for holding aloft and pointing to; the compact of Christian society unknown, or utterly unrecognized; supreme apathy on the part of parents to the instruction of their children in "what they ought to know and believe to their soul's health." I have found it next to impossible to secure their co-operation in collecting their own baptized children for teaching them on Sundays.

REPORT OF THE REV. DR. EVERHART.

To the Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D.:

Up to January 1st, I had charge of St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, as Rector *ad interim;* but the irregularity of the trains, and other hindrances, prevented my continuing in that official relation. I went in March, however, and prepared the candidates for confirmation; and, in such other ways as I could, I have tried to be mindful of this very interesting field. The Senior Warden (who, as a Lay Reader and Church worker, is an example) will doubtless send in a full report of that vigorous little Parish. This report will, I presume, give the statistics of my work there.

I have, likewise, been ministering at Opelika; have organized the Parish there into working shape, and the few earnest Church people at that point seem ready, in every way, to help forward in their duty. A Sunday School, and Ladies' Parish Aid Society, have begun under encouraging prospects. I have twice administered the Holy Communion there in public, and once in private. I expect to continue my ministrations, unless you should prefer, for Opelika, some other arrangement.

Besides my Mission work, as above described, I have, from time to time, aided the Rev. Dr. Stringfellow at St. John's, and devoted myself to Hamner Hall and the Chapel Service. In our little Oratory we celebrate daily Morning Prayer; and on Sundays, when at home, I have full Evening Service and Sermon in the School Chapel; besides catechising the resident pupils, from time to time, in the doctrines and usages of Christianity and the Church.

A Chapel for the School is much needed. The room set apart for service is crowded, and, in many ways, unsuited to our work and worship. Besides, there is a teeming population on this hill, black and white, largely without Church privileges of any sort, that might be gathered into the Fold, through such a Chapel, by the efforts of boarding pupils, teachers and myself. There is here an opportunity for training the daughters of the Church in actual Mission work, and sending them from us, ready in word and deed, for lives of future usefulness.

There is no way better suited for making a Church Institution all it ought to be. How the Chapel is to come, does not quite appear; but if any thing should turn up in your own plans that would further this matter, hardly any thing could afford me greater happiness.

Hamner Hall, April 24, 1882. GEO. M. EVERHART.

APPENDIX C.

Report of Committee and Treasurer of Bishop's Fund.

To the Convention of Alabama:

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund make the following Report:

No change has been made in the securities of the funds since the last Report in May, 1881.

The Treasurer has collected all of the interest falling due up to this date, amounting to $830, and has disbursed the same as shown by his account accompanying this Report. It will also be seen that he has in his hands a balance of $125 belonging to the principal of the Fund, which will be invested under the former orders of this Convention.

On the 21st of July, 1881, the Treasurer, acting under the orders of the Convention, insured the "Hamner Hall" property for the sum of $5,000, for a period of five years, in the Central City Insurance Company of Selma, and Commercial Fire Insurance Company of Montgomery, at a cost of $262.50. See Journal 1881, page 15.

By the terms of the lease, the Rev. Dr. EVERHART is allowed to expend the rents of the second and third years, ending on 30th June next, in repairs and improvements on the "Hamner Hall" property. See Journal 1880, page 17.

We learn from Dr. EVERHART that he has expended up to this time, in this manner $931.53, leaving a balance of $188.47 to be still expended on improvements and repairs.

It is stated by the Lessee that the buildings are in need of additional and necessary repairs.

We are informed that the Vestry of St. John's Parish, Montgomery, according to the contract of purchase, keep the Bishop Cobb's Orphans' Home insured, and in good order and condition.

The Alabama Bonds now bear interest, since July, 1881, at 3 per cent., and are quoted in New York at 82⅓, and are not likely to lessen in value.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. H. R. DAWSON,
JOSIAH MORRIS,
H. C. HART.

Selma, Ala., April 26, 1882.

N. H. R. DAWSON, *Treasurer*,

In Account with BISHOP'S FUND.

1881. *DR.*

May 11.—Balance on hand of principal as per last Report		$ 75 00
July 1.—Semi-annual Interest on Selma Bonds Nos 52, 53, 54 and 116, $100 @ 85 cents		85 00
" Semi-annual Interest on Alabama State Bonds, $10,200 @ 1 per cent		102 00
1882.		
Jan'y 1.—Semi-annual Interest on Alabama State Bonds, $10,200 @ 1½ per cent		153 00
" —Semi-annual Interest on Selma Bonds, Nos. 52, 53, 54 and 116, $100 @ 90 cents		90 00
" —Interest on Note of N. H. R. Dawson		400 00
Jan'y 14—Cash collected on Note Sam Edwards		50 00
		$955 00

1881. *CR.*

July 21.—By cash paid N. D. Cross, Sec'y, premiums on policies of insurance of $5,000 for five years on Hamner Hall in Central City Ins. Co. of Selma, and Commercial Fire Ins. Co. of Montgomery	262 50	
April 22—By cash paid Wm. Barnewall, Treasurer	567 50	830 00
Balance of principal on hand		$125 00

Selma, Ala., April 26, 1882.

APPENDIX D.

Diocesan Treasurer's Account.

WILLIAM BARNEWALL, *Treasurer*,

In Account with THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

1881. DR.

May 1—To balance account rendered		$	66 67
Athens Mission, 1881-'82	$ 20 00		
Anniston Mission, '81-'82	75 00		
Christ Church, Mobile, '81-'82	650 00		
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, '81-'82	325 00		
Cross Plains Mission, '81-'82	5 00		
St. Andrew's Parish, Macon, '80-'81 $13; " " " '81-'82 45	58 00		
St. James' Parish, Eufaula, '81-'82	125 00		
St. John's Church, Forkland, '81-'82	15 00		
St. John's Parish, Mobile, '81-'82	200 00		
St. John's Parish, Montgomery, '81-'82	650 00		
St. John's Parish, Tuscumbia, '81-'82	15 00		
St. Mark's Parish, Fork of Greene, '81-'82	25 00		
St. Paul's Parish, Carlowville, '81-'82	30 00		
St. Paul's Parish, Lowndesboro, '80-'81 $30; " " " on ac't '81-'82 25	55 00		
St. Paul's Parish, Selma, '81-'82	325 00		
St. Stephen's Parish, Eutaw, 81-'82	50 00		
St. Peter's Parish, Talladega, '81-'82	20 00		
St. Thomas' Parish, Greenville, '81-'82	40 00		
Trinity Parish, Florence, '81-'82	15 00		
Trinity Parish, Mobile, '81-'82	325 00		
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, '81-'82	150 00		
Grace Church, Clayton, on ac't '80-'81-'82	45 00		
Grace Church, Portland, '81-'82	20 00		
St. Andrew's Parish, Hayneville, '81-'82	10 00		
St. David's Parish, Dallas, '80-'81 $10; " " " '81-'82 10	20 00		
St. Paul's Parish, Decatur, '81-'82	25 00		
St. Wilfrid's Parish, Marion, '81-'82	50 00		
Trinity Parish, Demopolis, '81-'82	120 00		
Trinity Parish, Union Springs, '81-'82	10 00		
St. Luke's, Scottsboro, '81-'82	10 00		
St. Paul's Parish, Greensboro, '81-'82	150 00		
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown, '81-'82	60 00		
St. Mark's Parish, Prattville, '81-'82	15 00		
St. Mary's Parish, Evergreen, '81-'82	10 00		
N. H. R. Dawson, Treas'r Bishop's Fund, rec'd from him for Interest	567 50		
Church of the Advent, Birmingham	60 00		
St. Michael's Parish, Marengo, '81-'82	50 00		
Montevallo Mission, '81-'82	15 00		
St. Mark's Church, Troy, '81-'82	20 00		4,430 50
			$4,497 17

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1881.		
May 1—By Rev. R. H. Cobbs, Secretary to Convention		$ 100 00
William Barnewall, Treasurer of the Convention		50 00
Sexton Church of the Nativity, services at Convention		10 00
Expense Account—Exchange on acc't for collection		8 25
Cabaniss & McCall for 500 copies Journal of Conv'n, 1881		122 60
New York Life Insurance Co., half premium life policy Bishop R. H. Wilmer, $245 (half)		122 50
Bishop R. H. Wilmer in full for Salary 1880–'81	$ 300	3,900 00
On ac't Salary 1881–'82	3,600	
By balance to new account		188 82
		$4,497 17

1882.	
May 1—To balance cash on hand	$188 82
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville, rec'd after Tr's ac't closed	25 00

E. and O. E. WM. BARNEWALL, Treasurer.

Mobile, April 27, 1882.

APPENDIX E.

Account of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

ROBERT MIDDLETON, *Treasurer*,
In Account Current with DIOCESAN MISSION FUND.

DR.

May—To Balance on hand as per Report			$464 12
May	St. Paul's Church, Greensboro; R. H. COBBS	$ 5 00	
July	" " " "	6 00	
Sept.	" " " "	13 20	
Oct.	" " " "	12 00	
Nov.	" " " "	17 00	
Dec.	" " " "	9 00	
Jan'y	" " " "	4 35	
Feb'y	" " " "	3 25	
March	" " " "	2 25—	$ 72 05
April	" S. S. " "		60 00
June—To St. John's Church, Mobile; M. McCOWAN		$ 7 15	
July	" " " "	9 90	
August	" " " "	6 10	
Sept.	" " " "	5 20	
Oct.	" " " "	6 85	
Nov.	" " " "	13 15	
Dec.	" " " "	12 30	
Feb., '82,	" " " "	11 95	
March	" " " "	7 00	
April	" " " "	7 90—	87 50
June, '81—To Cash from a Lady through N. H. BROWN, Jr.			10 00
Nov.	St. Michael's, Marengo; R. H. W.		4 25
	Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown; R. H. W.		8 40
	St. Paul's Church, Carlowville; R. H. W.		4 65
	St. Andrew's Church, Macon; R. H. COBBS		6 00
July—To Christ Church, Mobile; F. S. PARKER		$10 40	
Oct.	" " " "	10 30	
Nov.	" " " "	23 35	
Dec.	" " " "	25 20	
Jan'y	" " " "	24 18	
Feb'y	" " " "	24 45	
March	" " " "	26 25—	144 13
"	" " S. S. Easter Offering		222 45
Nov.—To Trinity Church, Demopolis; P. and L.		$12 50	
April	" " " "		23 00
Feb'y	" " " "	28 85—	41 35
"	St. John's Church, Forkland; "		10 00
Dec.	Trinity Church, Mobile; H. A. LOCKWOOD		32 60
April	" " S. S. Easter Offering		94 45
Dec.	Church of the Nativity, Huntsville; J. W. B.		39 00
Feb'y	Grace Church, Anniston; W. CARNAHAN		7 00
April	St. Thomas' Church, Greenville; A. W. M.		10 95
"	St. John's Church, Montgomery; R. H. W.		230 00
			$1,571 90

1882.
April 24—To Balance on hand ..... $ 167 45

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By Draft in favor of—			*Voucher No.*	
November—	Rev.	F. B. Lee	1	$ 50 00
"	"	DeB. Waddell	2	100 00
March	"	F. B. Lee	3	25 00
"	"	F. B. Lee	4	25 00
April	"	DeB. Waddell	5	100 00
May	"	F. B. Lee	6	50 00
"	"	B. F. Mower	7	50 00
"	"	C. E. Cabaniss	8	100 00
September	"	DeB. Waddell	9	40 00
"	"	F. B. Lee	10	40 00
"	"	J. F. Smith	11	40 00
October	"	S. McQueen	12	50 00
December	"	F. B. Mower	13	50 00
"	"	J. F. Smith	14	100 00
February	"	Eugene Ferris	15	100 00
March	"	R. H. Cobbs	16	10 00
April	"	B. F. Mower	17	94 45
	"	J. F. Smith	18	75 00
	"	DeB. Waddell	19	75 00
	"	J. C. Taylor	20	280 00
Balance Cash in Bank				167 45
				$1,571 90

R. MIDDLETON,
Treasurer Diocesan Missionary Fund.

DIOCESAN MISSION FUND.

To Balance account rendered		$167 45
Collected at Convention—		
St. Paul's Parish, Selma	$75 00	
Church of the Nativity	76 00	
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia	31 60	
Trinity Church, Florence	21 85—	204 45
Balance to credit		$371 90

R. MIDDLETON, Treasurer.
By Wm. Barnewall.

Mobile, April 27, 1882.

APPENDIX F.

Report of the Registrar.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., April 26, 1882.

To the Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D., President of the Convention:

DEAR SIR:—I beg leave to render this my Annual Report, as Registrar of this Diocese.

I received from Mr. JAMES BOND, the former Registrar, three packages of papers, being all in his possession pertaining to this office.

The following documents have been deposited with me during the past year:

1. Articles of Association of Grace Church, Anniston.
2. Articles of Association of St. Luke's Church, Scottsboro.
3. Articles of Association of St. Mark's Church, Troy.
4. Articles of Association of St. John's Church, Forkland.
5. Articles of Association of St. Timothy Church, Athens.
6. Deed of Church Lot at Scottsboro, Jackson county, Ala.; also, Sentence of Consecration of church building.
7. Certificate of Deed to church lot at Selma; and Sentence of Consecration of St. Paul's Church, Selma, and papers relating thereto.
8. Journal of Proceedings of the Diocesan Conventions for seven years, up to the Convention of 1879.
9. Articles of Association of St. Mark's Church, Prattville, Ala.
10. Articles of Association of Grace Church, Trinity Station, Ala.

Respectfully submitted,

T. GARDNER FOSTER, Registrar.

APPENDIX G.

ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, &c.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., April 28, 1882.

The Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, and of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, assembled this day in St. John's Church, and was called to order by the Rt. Rev. President.

The roll was called, and the following members answered to their names:

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.; Rev. T. J. BEARD; Rev. R. H. COBBS, D. D.; Rev. B. F. MOWER; Rev. J. F. SMITH; Rev. F. B. LEE, and Mr. H. A. TAYLOE.

A constitutional quorum was found to be present, and the Society was declared duly organized. Rev. R. H. COBBS acting as Secretary.

R. M. NELSON, Treasurer, presented the following Report:

R. M. NELSON, Treasurer, in account with
The Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, and
the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.
Year ending April 30th, 1882.

1881.	DR.	
May 14	To New York check from JOS. MARTIN, former Treasurer..	$ 4,138 64
	From Commercial Bank	8 00
	Cash from Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, dues 1881	10 00
	Cash from Rev. J. F. SMITH, dues 1881	10 00
	Cash from T. J. BEARD, dues 1881	10 00
May 19	Cash from Rev. R. H. COBBS, dues 1881	10 00
May 25	Cash from Rev. B. F. MOWER, dues 1881'-82	20 00
May 29	Cash from Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER—check T. P. MILLER & Co	7,000 00
1882.		
Jan'y 2	Interest Jan'y Coupons $6,000 Ala. Bonds, Class A, viz.: 4656, 4211, 70, 71, 72, and 4210	90 00
April 30	Interest collected on various demand loans made during the year 1881-'82	241 48
		$11,538 12

1881.	Cr.	
Nov. 30—By Cash paid John C. Graham & Co., of New York, for six (6) Bonds of the denomination of $1,000, Class A, State of Alabama, to wit: Nos. 4656, 4211, 70, 71, 72, and 4210	$ 4,867	50
Dec. 14—Cost paid Expressage on said Bonds	12	25
	$ 4,879	75
To balance in hands of Treasurer	$ 6,658	37

On motion, this Report was received and referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. F. B. Lee, Rev. B. F. Mower, and Mr. H. A. Tayloe.

This Committee reported that they had examined and audited, and found it in all respects correct.

The Committee appointed at the last Convention to review the present Constitution, and report to the Society, declared that they had discharged this duty, and presented the following proposed Amended Constitution for the action of this body:

CONSTITUTION

Of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, and of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama.

Article I. This Society shall be composed of all Clergymen in ecclesiastical connection with this Diocese, and of all Laymen who shall contribute annually the sum of Five Dollars.

A Layman may become a Life Member, by contributing at any time, the sum of Fifty Dollars.

Art. II. The Officers of the Society shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer; to be elected, except the President, annually; who shall hold until their successors are elected and enter on their duties.

Such Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting: and, at the same time, there shall be elected two other members, who, with the officers, shall constitute an Executive Committee.

The Bishop of the Diocese shall be, *ex officio*, President of this Society.

Art. III. The Executive Committee shall have the direction and control of the funds of the Society, and of the distribution of relief.

The Treasurer of the Society shall collect the dues and other annual income of the Society.

The capital of the Society shall be invested as the Executive Committee may direct. The Assets and Securities held by the Society shall be deposited in such Bank or depository as the Executive Committee may select, and

marked and designated as the property of the Society, and shall not be changed nor withdrawn from such Bank or depository without the written order of a majority of the Executive Committee—of which, a record shall be made in the proceedings of said Committee.

The income shall be kept separate, and subject to the order or check of the Treasurer, under the direction of the Executive Committee.

The Secretary shall record the proceedings of the Annual Meetings, and the proceedings of the Executive Committee, and shall prepare the Annual Report of the Executive Committee to the Society.

ART. IV. The annual income of the Society is hereby pledged to the Relief of Disabled Clergymen of the Diocese (of whose disability the Executive Committee shall be judge), and to the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Church, in this Diocese.

The extent and form of relief shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

Provided, That all excess of income over expenditures may be added to the capital by direction of the Executive Committee.

ART. V. The annual meeting of this Society shall be held at the place and time of each Annual Convention of the Diocese.

ART. VI. (This article was amended and made to read as follows):

Fifteen members shall constitute a Quorum for changing the Constitution; seven for the transaction of business, and any number for adjournment.

This Constitution may be altered or amended only by a two-thirds vote of those present in favor thereof, at an Annual Meeting.

ART. VII. Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed as conflicting with the equitable claims of Life Members under the old Constitution.

BY-LAWS.

1. The Society shall hold its Annual Meeting upon the Second Day of the Session of the Diocesan Convention.

2. A sermon shall be preached, and a collection taken up in furtherance of its objects, at each Convention; the Preacher, and an alternate, to be designated twelve months before hand by the President of the Society.

3. Every Clergyman connected with the Diocese shall bring its claims to the attention of his congregation once a year, and take a collection in furtherance of its objects.

Each Article and each By-Law was adopted singly, and then the Constitution as a whole, and the By-Laws as a whole, were, on motion, adopted by the Society.

Acting under the new Constitution, the Rev. R. H. COBBS, D. D., was nominated and elected Secretary; Mr. R. M. NELSON was elected Treasurer; and Rev. R. W. BARNWELL and Mr. H. A. TAYLOE, members of the Executive Committee.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to repay Rev. B. F. MOWER the sum of Ten Dollars, that amount not being now due, according to the Constitution.

On motion, the Society adjourned till 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., April 29, 1882.

The Society met pursuant to adjournment. The Roll was called; a quorum was found to be present, and the Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Rev. J. S. JOHNSTON was appointed to preach the Annual Sermon in behalf of the Society at the next Convention.

A motion was made to amend the Constitution by striking out the VI. Article, and substituting the following:

ART. VI. Fifteen members shall constitute a Quorum for changing the Constitution; seven for the transaction of business, and any number for adjournment.

This Constitution may be altered or amended only by a two-thirds vote of those present in favor thereof, at an Annual Meeting.

This amendment was adopted by a two-thirds vote.

The Secretary was instructed to ask permission of the Convention to publish the Minutes of these meetings as an Appendix to the Journal.

On motion, the Society adjourned till 8½ o'clock, P. M.

RICH'D H. WILMER, President.

R. H. COBBS, Secretary.

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Diocese of Alabama.

Fifty-Second Annual Convention.

May 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th,

1883.

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ERRATA:

On Page 55, 6th line from bottom, should read Bishop Cobbs Orphan Home, instead of Bishop Call's.
On Page 58, in Diocesan Treasurer's Account, St. John's, Falkland, should be St. John's, Forkland.

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OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church,

IN THE

DIOCESE OF ALABAMA,

HELD IN

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA,

MAY 2ND, 3RD, 4TH AND 5TH,

A. D. 1883.

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List of Clergy Belonging to Diocese of Alabama,

MAY 2, 1883.

	Post-office.
RT. REV. RICHARD H. WILMER, D. D., . .	Mobile.
REV. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., Church of the Nativity	Huntsville.
" ROBERT W. BARNWELL, St. Paul's Church	Selma.
" T. J. BEARD, Church of the Advent	Birmingham.
" WALLACE CARNAHAN, Grace Church	Anniston.
" R. H. COBBS, D. D., St. Paul's Church	Greensboro.
" THOMAS A. COOK.	
" GEO. M. EVERHART, D. D., Rector of Hamner Hall	Montgomery.
" JOHN A. HARRISON, D. D., Trinity Church	Demopolis.
" D. F. HOKE, (Deacon.)	
" GEO. H. HUNT.	
" J. S. JOHNSTON, Trinity Church	Mobile.
" F. B. LEE, St. Paul's Church, Carlowville	Minter.
" STEWART McQUEEN, St. Wilfred's Church	Marion.
" B. F. MOWER, Trinity Church	Florence.
" W. J. PERDUE	Gadsden.
" H. K. REES, St. John's Church	Mobile.
" S. U. SMITH, St. Stephen's Church	Eutaw.
" J. F. SMITH, St. Luke's Church	Jacksonville.
" W. A. STICKNEY. Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	Faunsdale.
" HORACE STRINGFELLOW, JR., D. D., St. John's Church	Montgomery.
" JAS. H. STRINGFELLOW, Christ Church	Tuscaloosa.
" JESSE C. TAYLOR, St. Mark's Church	Prattville.
" J. L. TUCKER, D. D., Christ Church	Mobile.
" GEO. R. UPTON, St. Thomas' Church	Greenville.
" J. A. VAN HOOSE (Deacon), officiating	Birmingham.
" DEB. WADDELL, Grace Church	Clayton.

Deaconesses.

SISTER HARRIET	Church Home,	Mobile.
" IRENE	" "	"
" REBECCA	" "	"
" ELIZABETH	" "	"
" SARAH	" "	"
" BELLE	" "	"

Candidates for Deacon's Orders.

JOHN HALL, CAMERON A. MORENO, J. J. HARRIS.

Postulants.

LOUIS L. WILLIAMS.

Lay Readers.

EDWIN SHIELD, Uniontown.
DAVID BUELL, Greenville.
D. POYNER, Eutaw.
EDWARD L. STICKNEY, Greensboro.
PETER DOX, Huntsville.
DAVID H. MINGE, Faunsdale.
D. P. HURLEY, Troy.
THOS. C. SMITH, Prattville.
JAS. W. HALL, Geneva.
J. J. HARRIS, Tuscaloosa.
D. F. PROUT, Demopolis.
CHAS. L. STICKNEY, Greensboro.
A. BENNERS, Greensboro.
W. L. CLAY, Huntsville.
HENRY D. GREEN, Troy.
W. D. WHETSTONE, Prattville.
JAS. H. GRAY, Decatur.
J. R. ENDER, Columbia.
W. W. STRINGFELLOW, Montgomery.

Examiners.

REV. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.,
" R. H. COBBS, D. D.,
" T. J. BEARD,
" W. A. STICKNEY,
REV. H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D.,
" J. S. JOHNSTON,
" H. K. REES,
" JOHN A. HARRISON, D. D.

Officers of the Convention.

PRESIDENT,

RT. REV. RICHARD HOOKER WILMER, D. D.

SECRETARY,

REV. RICHARD H. COBBS, D. D., GREENSBORO.

TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE,

MR. WILLIAM BARNEWALL, MOBILE.

TREASURER OF THE DIOCESAN MISSIONARY FUND,

MR. ROBERT MIDDLETON, MOBILE.

REGISTRAR,

MR. T. GARDNER FOSTER, MONTGOMERY.

CHANCELLOR OF THE DIOCESE,

MR. JAMES BOND.

STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE.

REV. J. S. JOHNSTON,
REV. H. K. REES,
REV. J. L. TUCKER, D. D.,
MR. JAMES BOND,
MR. R. S. BUNKER,
MR. H. T. TOULMIN.

TRUSTEES OF THE BISHOP'S FUND.

MR. N. H. R. DAWSON, MR. JOSIAH MORRIS, MR. GEO. O. BAKER.

TREASURER OF THE BISHOP'S FUND,

MR. N. H. R. DAWSON.

TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

REV. H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D.,
MR. N. H. R. DAWSON, MR. H. C. HART.

Treasurer of the University of the South for Alabama,

MR. H. A. LOWE.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

REV. H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D.,
" J. M. BANISTER, D. D.,
" J. S. JOHNSTON,
" T. J. BEARD,
MR. R. M. NELSON,
" JAMES BOND,
" DAVID BUELL,
" P. BRYCE,

ALTERNATE DELEGATES.

REV. R. W. BARNWELL,
" W. CARNAHAN,
" GEO. M. EVERHART, D. D.,
" R. H. COBBS, D. D.,
MR. J. H. FITTS,
" JOEL WHITE,
" E. O. HURD,
" N. H. R. DAWSON.

List of Lay Delegates.

1883.

Christ Church, Mobile.
*R. S. Bunker,
*A. Dumont,
*W. H. Ross,
*H. A. Lowe.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro.
*C. L. Stickney,
*V. G. Snedecor,
*C. E. Waller,
A. S. Jeffries,
*T. K. Jones.

St. James' Church, Livingston.
Carlos G. Smith,
J. G. Whitfield,
*W. R. DeLoach.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.
*N. H. R. Dawson,
*R. M. Nelson,
E. P. Galt,
Frank Boykin,
*William Berg.

Trinity Church, Florence.
*Henry B. Lee,
H. Wilson.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.
J. M. Langhorne,
*Edwin Shield,
J. W. Bush.

St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.
*T. C. Clark,
*F. P. Jains,
E. F. Campbell.

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.
*A. Hill,
*J. H. Fitts,
*P. Bryce,
*E. N. C. Snow,
*J. J. Harris.

Trinity Church, Demopolis.
J. R. Robertson,
E. H. C. Bailey,
*C. B. Whitfield,
D. F. Prout.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.
*Joel White,
John L. Cobbs,
*W. W. Screws,
*B. L. Wyman,
*J. N. Gilmer.

St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.
T. B. Lee,
B. Reynolds,
*W. A. Bibb.

Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.
P. M. Dox,
Daniel Coleman,
W. W. Garth,
Milton Hume,
J. R. Stevens.

Trinity Church, Mobile.
*H. T. Toulmin,
F. J. McCoy,
L. A. George,
Robert Adams.

St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene.
*J. McKee Gould,
E. F. Bouchelle.

Those marked (*) were present.

St. John's Church, Mobile.
*James Bond,
P. C. Candidus,
J. F. Newe,
C. P. Hammond,
W. J. McCowan.

St. Thomas' Church, Greenville.
*David Buell,
C. Herbert,
E. Crenshaw.

St. Timothy's Church, Athens.
J. H. Hine,
T. E. Hine.

St. John's Church, Forkland.
*Walton N. Glover,
*J. P. Rogers,
P. B. Minor,
*T. J. Turpin.

St. Mark's Church, Prattville.
*J. C. Morse,
C. A. Edwards.

Grace Church, Dallas.
James Boykin,
Duncan Lang,
Thomas Boykin.

St. Albans Church, Brown's Station.
T. H. Lewis,
*F. M. Dausby,
P. W. Milhouse,
C. R. Gwin.

St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.
J. F. Dailey,
George C. Morgan,
Peyton Rowan.

Church of the Advent, Birmingham.
*Thomas Cobbs,
R. H. Pearson,
*H. P. Cochrane,
*J. M. Earle,
W. P. Barker.

Grace Church, Anniston.
R. P. Huger,
J. W. Noble.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station.
W. P. Bocock,
W. W. Dugger,
*J. H. DuBose,
H. A. Taylor,
*R. H. Dugger.

St. Paul's Church, Decatur.
J. H. Gray,
E. O. Hurd,
W. H. Jains,
J. L. Kron.

St. Mary's Church, Evergreen.
T. L. Hickox,
J. W. Savage,
L. W. Savage,
W. F. Stearns,
P. D. Bowles.

Those marked (*) were present.

Journal of Proceedings.

FIRST DAY.

The Fifty-Second Annual Convention of the PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH in the Diocese of Alabama, assembled in Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, May 2nd, 1883.

Morning Prayer was said at 11 o'clock A. M.; and the Sermon was preached by Rev. GEO. M. EVERHART, D. D., from St. John, ch. 16, ver. 32:

"Behold the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me."

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by Rev. J. H. STRINGFELLOW, the Rector of the Parish.

Immediately after Service, the Convention was called together in Centennial Hall, by the Rt. Rev. President, who presented the following

List of Clergy entitled to Seats in the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, May 2nd, 1883.

RT. REV. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

REV. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.	REV. R. W. BARNWELL,
" T. J. BEARD,	" WALLACE CARNAHAN,
" R. H. COBBS, D. D.	" G. M. EVERHART, D. D.
" JOHN A. HARRISON, D. D.	" J. S. JOHNSTON,
" F. B. LEE,	" STEWART MCQUEEN,
" B. F. MOWER,	" W. J. PERDUE,
" H. K. REES,	" S. U. SMITH,
" J. F. SMITH,	" W. A. STICKNEY,
" H. STRINGFELLOW, JR., D. D.	" J. H. STRINGFELLOW,
" JESSE C. TAYLOR,	" J. L. TUCKER, D. D.*
" GEORGE R. UPTON,*	" J. A. VAN HOOSE,

REV. DEB. WADDELL.

* Not entitled to vote.

The Secretary of the last Convention called the list, as thus presented, and the following answered to their names:

RT. REV. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

REV. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.
" T. J. BEARD.
" R. H. COBBS, D. D.
" JOHN A. HARRISON, D. D.
" F. B. LEE,
" J. F. SMITH,
" J. H. STRINGFELLOW,
REV. R. W. BARNWELL,
" WALLACE CARNAHAN,
" G. M. EVERHART, D. D.
" J. S. JOHNSTON,
" STEWART MCQUEEN,
" W. A. STICKNEY,
" GEORGE R. UPTON.

As provided for by Canon, the Treasurer of the Diocese presented the following

List of Parishes Entitled to Representation in this Convention.

Christ Church, Mobile.
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.
St. James' Church, Livingston.
St. John's Church, Mobile.
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.
St. Paul's Church, Selma.
Trinity Church, Mobile.
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.
St. Mark's Church, Prattville.
Trinity Church, Demopolis.
St. Andrew's Church, Macon.
Grace Church, Dallas Co.
Church of the Advent, Birmingham.
St. John's Church, Montgomery.
Ch. of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.
St. John's Church, Forkland.
St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene.
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro.
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.
Cross Plains Mission.
St. Timothy's Church, Athens.
St. Michael's Church, Marengo Co.
Montevallo Mission.
St. Paul's Church, Decatur.
St. Mary's Church, Evergreen.
Grace Church, Anniston.

The list of Parishes so entitled was then called, and credentials of Lay Deputies were presented and referred to a committee consisting of Rev. W. A. STICKNEY, Rev. WALLACE CARNAHAN, Rev. J. S. JOHNSTON.

This committee reported the following

Lay Delegates Entitled to Seats.

Christ Church, Mobile.

R. S. Bunker, W. H. Ross, A. Dumont, H. A. Lowe.

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

A. Hill, J. H. Fitts,
P. Bryce, E. N. C. Snow, J. J. Harris.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro.

C. L. Stickney, V. G. Snedecor,
C. E. Waller, A. S. Jeffries, T. K. Jones.

Trinity Church, Demopolis.

J. R. Robertson, E. H. C. Bailey, C. B. Whitfield, D. F. Prout.

St. James' Church, Livingston.

Carlos G. Smith, J. G. Whitfield, W. R. DeLoach.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Joel White, John L. Cobbs,
B. L. Wyman, W. W. Screws, J. N. Gilmer.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.

N. H. R. Dawson, R. M. Nelson,
E. P. Galt, Frank Boykin, Wm. Berg.

St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.

T. B. Lee, B. Reynolds, W. A. Bibb.

Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

P. M. Dox, Daniel Coleman,
W. W. Garth, Milton Hume, J. R. Stevens.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

J. M. Langhorne, Edwin Shield, J. W. Bush.

Trinity Church, Mobile.

H. T. Toulmin, F. J. McCoy, L. A. George, Robert Adams.

St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.

R. E. Watkins, J. B. Head,
T. C. Clark, F. P. Jarvis, E. F. Campbell,

St. John's Church, Mobile.

James Bond, P. C. Candidus,
J. F. Newe, C. P. Hammond, M. J. McCowan.

St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.

J. F. Dailey, George C. Morgan, Peyton Rowan.

Church of the Advent, Birmingham.

Thomas Cobbs, R. H. Pearson,
H. P. Cochrane, J. M. Earle, W. P. Barker.

St. Timothy's Church, Athens.

J. H. Hine, T. E. Hine.

Grace Church, Anniston.

R. P. Huger, J. W. Noble.

St. John's Church, Forkland.

Walton N. Glover, J. P. Rogers, P. B. Minor, T. J. Turpin.

St Andrew's Church, Macon Station.

W. P. Bocock,		W. W. Dugger,
J. H. DuBose,	H. A. Tayloe,	R. H. Dugger.

St. Paul's Church, Decatur.

J. H. Gray.	E. O. Hurd,	W. H. Jarvis,	J. L. Kron.

St. Mary's Church, Evergreen.

P. D. Bowles,		T. L. Hickox,
J. W. Savage.	L. W. Savage,	W. T. Stearns.

Grace Church, Dallas County.

James Boykin,	Duncan Lang,	Thomas Boykin.

Their names being called, the following were found to be [illegible]e present, viz.:

Mr. R. S. Bunker,	Mr. A. Dumont,	Mr. W. H. Ross,
" H. A. Lowe,	" A. Hill,	" J. H. Fitts,
" P. Bryce,	" E. N. C. Snow,	" J. J. Harris,
" V. G. Snedecor,	" C. E. Waller,	" T. K. Jones,
" C. B. Whitfield,	" J. N. Gilmer,	" W. W. Screws, [illegible],
" R. M. Nelson,	" Wm. Berg,	" W. A. Bibb,
" Edwin Shield, Sr.	" H. T. Toulmin,	" T. C. Clark,
" F. P. Jarvis,	" James Bond,	" Thos. Cobbs.
" H. P. Cochrane,	" Walton N. Glover,	" J. H. DuBose,
" R. H. Dugger,	" E. O. Hurd.	

A quorum being present, the President announced the [illegible]e Convention duly organized.

Rev. R. H. Cobbs was nominated and elected Secretary.

On motion, the Rules of Order of the last Convention were [illegible]e adopted for the government of this Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 9 o'clock A. M. [illegible]. Thursday.

SECOND DAY.

Tuskaloosa, Ala., May 3, 1883.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After [illegible]r prayers by the President, the roll was called and a quorum [illegible] found to be present. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings [illegible] were read and approved.

Rev. B. F. Mower, Rev. W. J. Perdue, Rev. DeB. Waddell, and Messrs. C. L. Stickney, Joel White, B. L. Wyman, N. H. R. Dawson, J. P. Rogers, J. M. Earle and T. J. Turpin appeared and took their seats.

St. Mark's Church, Prattville; St. Thomas' Church, Greenville; Trinity Church, Florence; and St. Luke's Church, Scottsboro, were declared entitled to representation.

Certificates of Election of Delegates, declared by the Committee in due form, were presented, and Mr. J. C. MORSE, C. A. EDWARDS, St. Mark's Church, Prattville; DAVID BUELL, C. HERBERT, E. CRENSHAW, St. Thomas' Church, Greenville; and H. B. LEE and H. WILSON, Trinity Church, Florence, were declared to be entitled to seats.

Their names being called, Mr. J. C. MORSE, Mr. DAVID BUELL and Mr. H. B. LEE appeared and took their seats.

Application to be admitted into union with the Convention was presented from St. Albans' Church, Brown's Station, and referred to a committee consisting of Rev. DEB. WADDELL, Mr. D. BUELL and Mr. DANSBY.

This Committee reported the application in due form, and by resolution St. Alban's Church, Brown's Station, was admitted into union with this Convention.

A certificate of election, declared by the Committee on Credentials to be in due form, was presented, and Mr. F. M. DANSBY took his seat as a delegate from that Parish.

The following Standing Committees were announced by the President:

Committee on the State of the Church.—Rev. W. A. Stickney, Rev. F. B. Lee, Rev. J. F. Smith, Rev. George M. Everhart, D. D., Rev. John A. Harrison, D. D., Rev. R. W. Barnwell; and Messrs. R. S. Bunker, Wm. Berg, V. G. Snedecor, W. A. Bibb, J. H. DuBose, J. N. Gilmer.

Committee on Canons.—Rev. J. M. Banister, D. D., Rev. T. J. Beard, Rev. J. S. Johnston, Rev. W. Carnahan; and Messrs. N. H. R. Dawson, James Bond, Thos. Cobbs, D. Buell.

Committee on Finance.—Messrs. R. M. Nelson, W. H. Ross, James H. Fitts, C. E. Waller, Walton N. Glover, Joel White, H. T. Toulmin, C. B. Whitfield, E. O. Hurd, Edwin Shield.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D., Mr. H. A. Lowe.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended, and the Committee on Unfinished Business presented a communication from the General Convention, which was referred to the Committee on Canons.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese presented the following Annual Communication:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

To the Convention:—The Committee was organized July 22nd, 1882, by the election of Rev. A. I. DRYSDALE as President, and Mr. JAMES BOND as Secretary.

July 22nd, 1882, recommended CAMERON A. MORENO to be admitted a candidate for Holy Orders.

December 15th, 1882, gave canonical consent to the consecration of the Rev. HUGH MILLER THOMPSON, D. D., as Assistant Bishop of Mississippi.

December 15th, 1882, elected Rev. J. S. JOHNSTON, President of this Committee, *vice* Rev. A. I. DRYSDALE, resigned.

December 30th, 1882, elected Rev. H. K. REES, of St. John's Church, Mobile, a member of this Committee, in the place of Rev. A. I. DRYSDALE.

The Committee report the recent death of Hon. W. G. JONES, one of this Committee. Judge JONES had been a member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, and given earnest and faithful attention to its duties, since the year 1867.

J. S. JOHNSTON, President.

On motion, the Rule of Order was suspended, and the Bishop's Address made the order for the day immediately after Service to-day.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended, and the Reports of officers and committees called for.

The Reports of the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund, the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, and the Treasurer of the Diocese, were presented; and, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, the reading of Parochial Reports was dispensed with; and they were presented, and referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to nominate the time and place for holding the next Convention.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., Mr. EDWIN SHIELD, and Mr. A. DUMONT, were appointed such Committee.

An invitation from the Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Selma, to meet in that Church, was presented to the Convention; and, on motion, referred to this Committee.

On motion, the Rule of Order was suspended, and the election of Delegates to the General Convention was made the order for the day on Friday, at 1 o'clock P. M.

The following resolution was presented; and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Canons:

Resolved, That authority be, and is hereby given to the Wardens and Vestry of St. Luke's Church, Cahaba, to move the church building, and any other property, to any point they may select.

On motion, the Convention took a recess for Divine Worship, the Day being Ascension Day.

Immediately after the conclusion of the Service the Convention resumed its session, and the Bishop of the Diocese read his Annual Address. (See Appendix.)

On motion, this Address was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 9 o'clock Friday morning.

THIRD DAY.

TUSKALOOSA, ALA., May 4, 1883.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After prayers by the President the roll was called, and a quorum found to be present. The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved. Mr. W. R. DELOACH, of St. James' Church, Livingston, appeared and took his seat.

St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene, was reported to be entitled to representation. The certificate of election of Lay Deputies was declared by the committee to be in due form, and Mr. J. MCKEE GOULD took his seat as a Delegate from that Parish.

Rev. Dr. EVERHART presented a Report in regard to Hamner Hall (see Appendix), which, on motion, was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. D. BUELL, E. C. HURD and JOEL WHITE.

The Report of the Temperance Committee, continued from last Convention, was presented, and, on motion, made the order of the day for Saturday, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The Convention then proceeded to vote, by ballot, for the Standing Committee of the Diocese, Rev. STEWART McQUEEN and Mr. BIBB being appointed Tellers.

The balloting resulted in the election of

REV. J. S. JOHNSTON,	MR. JAMES BOND,
REV. H. K. REES,	MR. R. S. BUNKER,
REV. J. L. TUCKER, D. D.,	MR. H. T. TOULMIN.

The following Report was presented, and, on motion, was received, and the Resolution adopted:

The Committee on Canons, to which was referred the proposed amendment to the Ratification of the Book of Common Prayer (Appendix), having considered the same, respectfully report the following Resolution, and recommend its adoption.

J. M. BANISTER, Chairman.

Resolved, That this Convention hereby gives its consent to the adoption of the amendment to "The Ratification of the Book of Common Prayer," adopted by the General Convention of 1880, and to be formally acted upon by the General Convention of 1883, which proposed amendment has been submitted to this Convention according to Article 8 of the Constitution of this Church in the United States of America.

The following Report was received and read:

The Committee on Canons report the following, as a substitute for the original Resolution, in reference to the removal of St. Luke's Church, Cahaba:

Resolved, That consent be, and is hereby given to the Wardens and Vestry of St. Luke's Church, Cahaba, to remove the Parish Church and property to any point in Dallas county they may select; provided, that the place so selected shall be first approved by the Bishop, and that the title to the land shall be found good and unincumbered, and shall be conveyed to the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama.

On motion, this Report was received and the Resolution adopted.

The following Report was presented and read:

The Committee to whom was referred the time and place for holding the next annual Convention, respectfully recommend that the Fifty-third Annual Convention be held at St. Paul's Church, Selma, on the first Wednesday of May, 1884.

J. M. BANISTER,
EDWIN SHIELD, SR.,
A. DUMONT.

On motion, this Report was received and the recommendation adopted.

Rev. S. U. SMITH and Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW appeared and took their seats in the Convention.

The following Report was presented, and, on motion, was received and concurred in:

The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined and audited the statement and account of N. H. R. DAWSON, Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund, and find them correct and properly sustained by vouchers, both for receipts and disbursements.

The Treasurer has received since last Convention, including the balance on hand.....$6,020 52
And has expended..... 6,020 52
Leaving no balance on hand.

The report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund is placed before the Convention, for such action as it may deem proper to take in the premises as to all the matters touched upon.

Attention is called particularly to the fact that the Trustees have fully complied with instructions given by previous conventions, in calling in and re-investing all loans, but no sale has yet been made of the City of Selma bonds, owing to the somewhat extraordinary and embarrassed condition of that city's finances. R. M. NELSON, Chairman.

JAMES H. FITTS,	WM. H. ROSS,	JOEL WHITE,
C. E. WALLER,	EDWIN SHIELD,	H. T. TOULMIN,
C. B. WHITFIELD,	E. O. HURD,	W. N. GLOVER.

The following Report was presented, and, on motion, was received and concurred in:

EXHIBIT A.

The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined and audited the accounts of ROBERT MIDDLETON, Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, and find them correct, and all items of debit and credit sustained by proper vouchers.

Including the balance on hand at the last Convention, the Treasurer has received.....$1,300 07
And has expended..... 1,127 95

Leaving a balance in his hands of.....$ 172 12

The Committee on Finance also report that they have examined and audited the accounts of Mr. WILLIAM BARNEWALL, Treasurer of the Diocese, and find them correct.

Including the balance on hand at the last Convention, the Treasurer has received the sum of.....$5,007 29
And has disbursed..... 4,058 37

Leaving in his hands a balance of.....$ 948 92

The following are the

ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS FOR 1883-'4.

Balance due on Bishop's salary, 1882-'3	$ 765 44
Bishop's salary	4,000 00
Premium on Life Insurance Policy of Bishop	122 50
Printing Journal of Convention	122 50
Secretary of the Convention	100 00
Treasurer of the Diocese	50 00
Expenses of the Convention	15 00
Total	$5,175 44

THE ESTIMATED RESOURCES FOR 1883-'4.

Due from delinquent Parishes (Exhibit A attached), estimated to be good for	$ 500 00
Approximate Interest from Bishop's Fund	550 00
Assessments for 1883-'4 (Exhibit B attached)	3,839 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer	948 92
Total	$5,837 92

PARISHES IN ARREARS.

Emmanuel Church, Opelika, '80-'81-'82 and '83	$ 85 00
St. Albans Church, Gainesville, '80-'81-'82-'83	40 00
St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville, '80-'81-'82-'83	80 00
Grace Church, Morgan county, '82-'83	75 00
St. Paul's Church, Whistler, '81-'82-'83	45 00
Gadsden Mission, '82-'83	20 00
Grace Church, Clayton, balance '82-'83	20 00
St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville, '82-'83	10 00
St. David's Church, Dallas county, '82-'83	10 00
St. James' Church, Eufaula, '82-'83	125 00
St. Luke's Church, Cahaba, '82-'83	20 00
St. John's Church, Mobile, balance '82-'83	70 00
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia, '82-'83	15 00
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro, balance '81-'82-'83	45 00
St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, '81-'82-'83	55 00
St. Peter's Church, Talladega, '82-'83	20 00
St. Wilfred's Church, Marion, '82-'83	50 00
Trinity Church, Union Springs, '82-'83	15 00
	$800 00

The Committee recommend that the following arrears be reduced, or remitted, as follows:

*Emmanuel Church, Opelika, be reduced to	$20 00
St. Albans Church, Gainesville, be reduced to	20 00
St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville, be reduced to	10 00

Grace Church, Clayton, balance ..... $20 00, be remitted.
Grace Church, Morgan county, balance ..... 75 00, " "
St. Paul's Church, Whistler, " ..... 45 00, " "
St. John's Church, Mobile, " ..... 70 00, " "

*Paid in full, after amount was reduced by Convention.

EXHIBIT B.

ASSESSMENTS ON PARISHES AND MISSIONS.

urch, Mobile	$ 625 00
urch, Tuskaloosa	150 00
f the Advent, Birmingham	90 00
f the Holy Cross, Uniontown	60 00
f the Nativity, Huntsville	320 00
ins Mission	10 00
l Church, Opelika	10 00
Mission	10 00
urch, Anniston	75 00
urch, Clayton	20 00
urch, Dallas	15 00
o Mission	13 00
s Church, Gainesville	10 00
w's Church, Hayneville	10 00
w's Church, Macon	45 00
's Church, Dallas	10 00
' Church, Eufaula	110 00
' Church, Livingston	40 00
Church, Forkland	20 00
Church, Mobile	150 00
Church, Montgomery	650 00
Church, Tuscumbia	15 00
Church, Jacksonville	30 00
Church, Scottsboro	12 00
Church, Fork of Greene	15 00
Church, Prattville	13 00
Church, Troy	20 00
Church, Camden	——
Church, Evergreen	10 00
ew's Church, Autaugaville	10 00
el's Church, Marengo county	55 00
Church, Carlowville	25 00
Church, Decatur	25 00
Church, Greensboro	150 00
Church, Lowndesboro	35 00
Church, Selma	350 00
Church, Spring Hill	20 00
Church, Whistler	——
Church, Talladega	20 00
n's Church, Eutaw	50 00
s' Church, Greenville	40 00
hy's Church, Athens	18 00
d's Church, Marion	45 00
urch, Demopolis	100 00
urch, Florence	15 00
urch, Mobile	300 00
urch, Union Springs	13 00
Church, Brown's Station	10 00
	$3,839 00

R. M. NELSON, Chairman.

s H. FITTS, WILLIAM H. ROSS, JOEL WHITE,
. GLOVER, C. B. WHITFIELD, H. T. TOULMIN,
HURD, EDWIN SHIELD, C. E. WALLER.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund be instructed to sell the City Bonds of Selma at 50 cents on the dollar, and invest the proceeds in Alabama Bonds, Class A, or such other securities as they may deem best.

On motion, the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund were instructed to register all the Bonds belonging to the Fund.

On motion, that part of the Report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund which related to Hamner Hall was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Rev. T. J. BEARD, Mr. E. O. HURD, Mr. J. H. FITTS.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Convention hereby takes occasion to express its sense of the loss this Diocese has sustained in the death of the Hon. WM. G. JONES, a member of the Standing Committee of this Diocese at the time of his death, and who had been a member of that Committee, by continuous election, since 1867. Judge JONES brought to the discharge of his duty, as a member of the Committee, a careful and painstaking sense of duty, and a clearness of perception and force of intellect which characterized him as a man, and were of great aid to the committee in the important and sometimes delicate duties confided to them; and this Convention hereby makes this Memorial of his faithful and efficient services.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Convention send a copy of this Memorial to the family of the late Judge JONES.

The Report of the Registrar of the Diocese was presented, and, on motion, was received. (Appendix.)

The Convention then balloted for Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, Rev. STEWART MCQUEEN and Mr. T. K. JONES being appointed Tellers.

N. H. R. DAWSON, JOSIAH MORRIS and GEORGE O. BAKER were elected such Trustees, Col. DAWSON being designated as Treasurer.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be, and he is hereby authorized to pay the Secretary of this Convention the sum of One Hundred Dollars for his services.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of Three be appointed by the Bishop to request, for publication, a copy of the sermon delivered last evening, in

Christ Church, by Rev. J. S. JOHNSTON, in behalf of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen and of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

Resolved, That said Committee shall have 1,000 copies of said sermon published for distribution—and transmit at least 25 copies to each Clergyman in the Diocese, and request that a copy be presented to each Layman in their respective Parishes, with an earnest appeal that it be carefully read, and that he will become a member of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen and of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen—and draw on the Treasurer of the Diocese for payment of the same.

Mr. J. H. FITTS, Mr. A. HILL, Mr. E. N. C. SNOW, were appointed such Committee.

The hour of 1 P. M. having arrived, the order of the day was taken up, and the Convention proceeded to ballot by orders, such vote having been demanded, for Delegates to the General Convention. Rev. J. H. STRINGFELLOW and Mr. W. A. BIBB were appointed Tellers to collect and count the Clerical ballots; Rev. W. J. PERDUE and Mr. WM. BERG to collect and count the ballots of the Laity.

The balloting resulted in the election of

REV. H. STRINGFELLOW, SR., D. D.,	MR. R. M. NELSON,
REV. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.,	MR. JAMES BOND,
REV. J. S. JOHNSTON,	MR. DAVID BUELL,
REV. T. J. BEARD,	MR. PETER BRYCE.

The call for a vote by orders was then withdrawn, and the Convention proceded to elect, by ordinary ballot, the following Alternate Delegates:

REV. R. W. BARNWELL,	MR. J. H. FITTS,
REV. W. CARNAHAN,	MR. JOEL WHITE,
REV. GEO. M. EVERHART, D. D.,	MR. E. O. HURD,
REV. R. H. COBBS, D. D.,	MR. N. H. R. DAWSON.

The Special Committee on Dr. EVERHART'S report and accounts presented a Report, pending the discussion of which the Convention adjourned till 9½ o'clock Saturday morning.

FOURTH DAY.

TUSKALOOSA, ALA., May 5, 1883.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After prayers by the President, the roll was called and a quorum

found to be present. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and amended, and as amended were adopted.

The following Report was presented, and, on motion, was received:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The various Reports rendered to this Convention enable us with thankful assurance to state, that we are still holding our own; that the working capacity of our Diocese has not been diminished.

Our Clerical staff remaining about the same, could hardly be expected to make signal aggression. The increase of their flexibility—notably exhibited in extending succor to the needy, outlying stations—is as much as could be hoped for. This aid cannot be other than scant, but it keeps up life and hope. It resists stagnation and prevents collapse.

We mention the increased number of Congregations over any one year for several years past, as cheering.

The Bishop's restoration to health and vigor, enabling him to visit every portion of his Diocese the past year, is noted with gratitude.

The financial arrears at our last Convention have been brought up to the discharge of all outstanding obligations.

Hamner Hall School seems to be on the increase in usefulness to the daughters of the Church; thus developing and diffusing church life in the Diocese.

Active and hearty co-operation with the hard-worked, small band of Clergy is urged on the Laity. They must come with their sympathy, and bring their substance too, to the rescue and maintenance of their spiritual leaders. The Clergy, left to bear their burdens alone, must sink beneath them, or their posts will have to be abandoned as untenable.

W. A. STICKNEY, Chairman.

The Report of the Special Committee in regard to Hamner Hall was then discussed and amended; and as amended, was received and adopted, as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Rev. Dr. EVERHART, Rector of Hamner Hall, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report—

(1) That they have examined the accounts and vouchers submitted with said Report, and find the same to be correct and satisfactorily supported by proper vouchers.

(2) Your Committee recommend that the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund be directed to purchase, with the proceeds of the sale of the City Bonds of Selma, the triangular Lot mentioned in said Report, but with the advice and consent of the Bishop first obtained.

(3) Your Committee heartily commend the excellence of the methods and management of this Institution, and earnestly recommend its active support by Churchmen throughout the Diocese.

D. BUELL,
JOEL WHITE,
E. O. HURD.

The order of the day was then taken up—the Report of the Temperance Committee—which was amended, and as amended, was received and concurred in:

Whereas, Intemperance is a prolific source of disease, poverty, vice and crime, as well as a fatal, soul-destroying barrier against the influence of the Gospel and the spread of the Church. Therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention, deploring the prevalence of this sin, but disapproving all fanatical and intolerant measures for its correction, recommend to those who engage in the special work of Temperance Reform the wise methods of the Church Temperance Society; and that any Parochial Branches of that Society which may be formed in this Diocese, are hereby authorized to organize a Diocesan Society of the same.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Convention tender its grateful acknowledgments to the Rector and good people of Tuskaloosa, for their very hospitable entertainment of the members of this Body.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be, and are hereby returned to Messrs. ALSTON and FITTS for the free use of Centennial Hall during its session.

The following was offered:

Resolved, That the Convention desires humbly to express their devout thankfulness to Almighty God for the restoration to health of the Bishop of the Diocese, and their earnest prayer that he may be long spared to exercise the duties of his sacred office.

This resolution was put by the Secretary, and unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Mr. WILLIAM BARNEWALL was re-elected Treasurer of the Diocese.

Mr. ROBERT MIDDLETON was re-elected Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

Mr. H. A. LOWE was elected Treasurer of the University of the South for the Diocese of Alabama.

The Convention then went into session as a Committee of the Whole on the State of the Church.

After an interval the Convention resumed its session, and the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole reported—

That said Committee recommended the adoption of the plan arranged in 1873 for raising funds for Diocesan Missionary Work.

On motion, the Convention took a recess till 6 o'clock P. M.

TUSKALOOSA, May 5, 1883.

6 O'CLOCK P. M.—The Convention resumed its session.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have printed 500 copies of the Journal of this Convention.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion, the Convention adjourned *sine die.*

RICHARD H. WILMER, *President.*

R. H. COBBS, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX A.

'BISHOP'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

—TO THE—

›nvention of the Diocese of Alabama,

MAY, 1883.

-April 26th.—I met the Annual Convention of the Diocese in St. :hurch, Montgomery; and, after the opening Sermon by the Rev. ıahan, celebrated Holy Communion.

t the remainder of the week in attendance upon the sessions of vention; during the same time holding Examinations of two can- for the Priesthood.

30th—(3rd Sunday after Easter.)—I preached at St. John's Montgomery; and ordered Priests, Rev. Messrs. Jesse C. Taylor wart McQueen; celebrating also Holy Communion; candidates d by the Rev. A. I. Drysdale.

ening Service in same church, after a Sermon by the Bishop of ee, I addressed the congregation, and confirmed thirty-five per- then made a parting address to the Clergy and Laity, and con- he Services of the Convention.

ession of the Annual Convention was rendered peculiarly inter- or many reasons. The semi-centennial celebration; the felicitous g of the Service by the Boy Choir; and the genial presence of op of Tennessee, all contributed to lend an unusual degree of to the Services of the occasion.

me day I baptized the infant son of Rev. J. H. Stringfellow.

st.—I terminated the sentence of Rev. C. P. Dorset's suspension; ıg furnished satisfactory evidence of having lived piously, soberly estly for the three last years.

th.—Transferred Rev. C. P. Dorset to the Diocese of Wisconsin.

th—(4th Sunday after Easter.)—Preached at St. John's church,

4th—(5th Sunday after Easter.)—Preached and celebrated Holy ıion at St. John's church, Mobile.

1st—(Sunday after Ascension.)—Preached, morning and evening, ton, and confirmed one person.

3rd.—Preached at St. Luke's, Jacksonville, and confirmed three

May 24th.—At St. Peter's church, Talladega, after Sermon by Rev. W. Carnahan, confirmed two persons.

May 25th.—Preached at St. Peter's church, Talladega, and confirmed five persons. At the request of the officiating minister, I baptized four infants.

May 26th.—I preached at Montevallo.

May 28th—(Whitsunday.)—I preached at St. Mark's church, Prattville, and confirmed eight persons.

May 29th—(Monday in Whitsun Week.)—Preached in St. Paul's church, Lowndesboro, and celebrated Holy Communion. I also baptized an infant.

May 30th—(Tuesday in Whitsun Week.)—I preached at St. Andrew's church, Hayneville; confirmed one person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

June 4th—(Trinity Sunday.)—Preached and celebrated Holy Communion at St. John's church, Mobile.

June 11th—(1st Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. James' church, Eufaula, and confirmed eight persons.

June 13th.—Preached at Grace church, Clayton, morning and evening, and confirmed one person; also celebrating Holy Communion.

June 16th.—Preached at Union Springs.

June 17th.—Preached at same place, and confirmed six persons; celebrating also Holy Communion. I also baptized a sick child in private.

June 18th—(2nd Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Mark's church, Troy, and confirmed five persons; celebrating Holy Communion.

June 20th.—Preached at Emanuel church, Opelika, and confirmed three persons.

June 25th—(3rd Sunday after Trinity.)—Participated in Divine Service at St. John's church, Mobile; Rev. H. K. Rees, of the Diocese of Georgia, preaching the Sermon.

June 29th.—Celebrated Holy Communion with a sick person in private.

July 2nd—(4th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. John's church, Mobile, and baptized an infant.

July 9th—(5th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. John's church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion.

July 16th—(6th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. John's church, Mobile.

July 21st.—Preached at St. James' church, Livingston, and celebrated Holy Communion.

July 23rd—(7th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Mark's church, Boligee, and confirmed one person; celebrating also Holy Communion.

July 24th.—Preached at St. Stephen's church, Eutaw.

July 25th.—Preached, morning and evening, at same church; and confirmed five persons.

August 6th—(9th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at the Chapel of the University of the South, and celebrated Holy Communion.

I spent some ten days in attendance upon the session of the Board of 'rustees, officiating as my services were called into requisition.

August 10th.—Received testimonials from Standing committee, recom-ıending that Cameron Anderson Moreno be admitted candidate for Holy ›rders.

August 13th—(10th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's hurch, Spring Hill.

August 20th—(11th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached and celebrated :oly Communion at St. Paul's church, Spring Hill.

I remained at home all the summer, and officiated regularly at St. Paul's ıurch, Spring Hill. The Services were particularly well attended.

September 7th.—I confirmed a sick person in private; presented by the ;ev. A. I. Drysdale.

September 18th.—Received a certificate from Rev. Messrs. Johnston nd Rees, setting forth that Cameron Anderson Moreno had passed a ıtisfactory literary examination. Accordingly I received Mr. Moreno as candidate for Deacon's Orders.

September 19th.—I united in Holy Matrimony a couple at Spring Hill.

September 24th—(16th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's hurch, Spring Hill.

September 27th.—Celebrated Holy Matrimony at St. John's church, Iobile; the Rev. H. K. Rees, Rector, being present and assisting.

October 1st—(17th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's hurch, Whistler, and baptized three infants; celebrating also Holy Com-ıunion.

October 8th—(18th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Mary's hurch, Evergreen, and celebrated Holy Communion. At the Afternoon ervice, I baptized an infant. I also celebrated Holy Communion with a ick person in private.

October 10th.—Officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Lydia W. Stickney. Irs. Stickney was probably the oldest communicant of the church in the)iocese. Her life was abundant in good works, and assuredly her labor ras not in vain in the Lord. She viewed her approaching end, not only rith resignation, but with a holy joy—the foretaste, I doubt not, of her ndless felicity.

October 15th—(19th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's hurch, Spring Hill, and celebrated Holy Communion.

October 22nd—(20th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's hurch, Greensboro. At Afternoon Service, gave an instruction to the oung of the congregation upon Confirmation.

October 23rd.—Preached at St. Wilfred's church, Marion.

October 24th.—Preached at same church, confirmed four persons, and elebrated Holy Communion.

October 26th.—Preached at St. Paul's church, Greensboro, confirmed wo persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

October 27th.—Preached at St. John's church, Forkland.

October 28th.—Preached at same church; confirmed five persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

October 29th—(21st Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at Trinity church, Demopolis, morning and afternoon, and confirmed two persons.

October 30th.—Preached at St. Andrew's church, Prairieville.

October 31st.—Preached at same church, and celebrated Holy Communion.

November 1st—(All Saints' Day).—Preached at St. Michael's church, Marengo county, and celebrated Holy Communion.

November 2nd.—Preached again at same church.

November 3rd.—Preached at Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown, confirmed one person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

November 4th.—Preached again at same church.

November 5th—(22nd Sunday after Trinity).—Preached at Brown's Station, on the Alabama Central Railroad, confirmed sixteen persons, and celebrated Holy Communion. I also confirmed a sick person in private; candidates presented by the Rev. W. A. Stickney. The services held here were profoundly interesting. We hope to see a church building erected at this place at no very distant day.

November 19th—(24th Sunday after Trinity).—Preached at Trinity church, Mobile, confirmed three persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

In the afternoon of same day, I met the remnant of the scattered flock of the Good Shepherd in a hired room. With the especial aid of the Rev. J. S. Johnston, and the cordial sympathy of the other clergy, I took measures for the reorganization of a congregation of the colored people of Mobile. I hope, at some future day, to report favorably to the Convention in regard to this movement.

November 24th.—On this day, and only a few days after the meeting above referred to, I was called upon by the Rev. Chester Newell (late Chaplain of the U. S. Navy). He told me he wished to donate a piece of property, which he owned in the county of Mobile, to the purpose of building a church in the South. I told him of my plan for building a church for the colored people of Mobile. He gave me a deed for the property mentioned at once. I could not but regard the donation as peculiarly auspicious. May God help us to go through with our undertaking. The property in question is probably worth some seven or eight hundred dollars.

November 26th—(25th Sunday after Trinity).—I preached at Christ church, Mobile.

November 29th.—Confirmed two persons in Christ church, Mobile. I also confirmed a sick person in private; presented for Confirmation by the Rev. J. S. Johnston.

November 30th—(Thanksgiving Day).—At Christ church, Mobile, after Sermon by the Rector, I celebrated Holy Communion.

December 3rd—(1st Sunday in Advent).—Participated in the services t St. John's church, Mobile, and made an address to the congregation. n the afternoon, made an address to the congregation of the Good Shepherd.

December 4th.—At St. John's church, Mobile, made an address to the ongregation, and celebrated Holy Communion.

December 5th.—Preached one of a series of Sermons at St. John's church, Iobile.

December 7th.—Made an address at St. John's church, Mobile, and celerated Holy Communion. All the Clergy of the city took part in these ervices, which were most refreshing, and, I trust, will prove to have been rofitable.

December 10th—(2nd Sunday in Advent).—Attended services at Christ hurch, Mobile.

December 17th—(3rd Sunday in Advent).—Preached, morning and afterpon, at Church of the Advent, Birmingham; confirmed eight persons and elebrated Holy Communion.

December 18th.—Preached again in same church.

December 19th.—Preached at Gadsden in the Baptist church, and conrmed three persons. The Convocation (Rev. T. J. Beard, Dean) have wisely oncentrated their labors upon this most important point. Gadsden is a ourishing town of some 2,000 inhabitants, and we have every reason to nticipate a successful issue from the work which has been begun.

December 24th.—Preached at Trinity church, Mobile.

December 25th—(Feast of the Nativity).—At Christ church, Mobile, after ermon by the Rector, celebrated Holy Communion.

December 28th—(Holy Innocents).—Celebrated Holy Communion at St. ohn's church, Mobile

On the same day, at same church, I participated with the Clergy of the ty in the funeral services of "Sister Grace," a Deaconess of the Diocese. ster Grace had devoted herself for many years to the care of the children the "Church Home" for Orphans, with an earnestness and assiduity above l praise. I put on record here, what I said at her funeral, that the fittest scription on her tombstone would be the words, "She hath done what she ould!" Such women are the true heroines. Their work is quiet and unobnsive, but it is ever had in remembrance before the Lord, and they shall be is "in that day when He maketh up His jewels"!

December 31st—(Sunday after Christmas).—Celebrated, with the Rector, oly Communion at Christ church, Mobile. This was the last day of Mr. rysdale's ministry in this church. We bade him farewell with sorrowing earts, comforted only by the thought that he had gone from us to a larger here of usefulness in a city not far distant.

In the afternoon of same day, I preached to the little flock of the "Good hepherd."

1883.—January 4th.—Attended the funeral of a member of Christ church, obile.

January 7th—(1st Sunday after Epiphany).—I preached at Christ church,

Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion. A joint Missionary meeting was held at Trinity church the evening of the same day, and I united with the other Clergy of the city in addressing the large congregation assembled. The occasion derived peculiar interest from the attendance of all the children of Trinity Parish in solemn and fitting Processional.

January 14th—(2nd Sunday after Epiphany).—Preached at Christ church, Mobile, in the morning, and to the congregation of the Good Shepherd in the afternoon.

January 21st—(Septuagesima Sunday.)—Preached at Christ church, Mobile.

January 28th—(Sexagesima Sunday).—Officiated at Christ church, Mobile, the Rev. Dr. Tucker, Rector-elect of the Parish, preaching the Sermon.

February 4th—(Quinquagesima Sunday).—Preached and celebrated Holy Communion at Christ church, Mobile. In the afternoon, officiated at a funeral service in same church.

February 7th—(Ash Wednesday).—Preached at Christ church, Mobile.

February 10th.—I baptized an infant at St. Paul's church, Spring Hill.

February 11th—(1st Sunday in Lent).—I preached at Christ church, Mobile.

February 14th—(Wednesday).—Lectured at same church, and baptized an infant.

February 18th—(2nd Sunday in Lent).—Preached at same church, and, after service, celebrated Holy Communion, with sick person, in private.

February 21st.—Delivered a Lenten lecture in same church.

February 23rd.—Lectured at Christ church, New Orleans.

February 24th—(St. Matthias' Day).—Participated in the services at the Consecration of the Rev. Dr. Hugh Miller Thompson as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi. At the request of the Bishop-elect, and under the order of the presiding Bishop, I acted as one of Dr. Thompson's presenters, and preached the sermon.

February 25th—(3rd Sunday in Lent)—At Sunday School service, in Christ church, Mobile, I gave an Instruction on Confirmation to the children, and, at midday service, preached in same church.

February 28th.—Lectured in same church.

March 4th—(4th Sunday in Lent).—Preached at same church, and celebrated Holy Communion.

In the afternoon, attended the funeral of a member of the same congregation.

At evening service, preached at Trinity church, Mobile, and confirmed eighteen persons.

March 7th.—Confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented by the Rev. J. S. Johnston. Number of persons confirmed from Trinity church during the year, twenty-three. On same day, I confirmed three persons in private; candidates presented by the Rev. H. K. Rees.

Also, celebrated Divine service at Christ church, and lectured.

March 11th—(5th Sunday in Lent).—Preached at Christ church, Mobile.

t evening service, preached at St. John's, and confirmed forty persons. umber confirmed from St. John's during the year, forty-three.

March 14th.—Officiated at Christ church, Mobile.

March 18th—(Sunday before Easter).—Preached at Christ church, and nfirmed thirteen persons, making, with those before mentioned, sixteen nfirmed from Christ church.

In the afternoon, I preached to the congregation of the Church of the ood Shepherd.

March 19th—(Monday before Easter).—Attended a funeral from Christ urch, Mobile.

March 23rd - (Good Friday).—Preached at Christ church, Mobile.

March 24th—(Easter Even).—Officiated in same church.

March 25th—(Easter Day) —Preached at same church, and celebrated Holy ommunion.

In the afternoon, preached to congregation of the "Good Shepherd," conrmed two persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

March 29th.—Preached at St Thomas' church, Greenville, and confirmed ght persons.

March 30th.—Preached at same church.

April 1st—(1st Sunday after Easter).—Preached at St. John's church, ontgomery, confirmed twenty-five persons, and celebrated Holy Comunion. At evening service, participated in the Children's Festival (which d been postponed from Easter on account of stress of weather). I made address to the children. The number confirmed at St. John's since last port is sixty persons.

April 4th.—Preached at St. Paul's, Carlowville, and confirmed two persons.

April 5th.—Preached at same church.

April 6th —I consecrated *Grace Church, Dallas county*, preaching the rmon, confirming two persons, and celebrating Holy Communion.

April 8th—(2nd Sunday after Easter).—Preached at St. Paul's church, lma, morning and evening; at latter service confirming eleven persons.

April 13th.—Preached at St. Luke's church, Scottsboro, and confirmed ree persons.

April 14th.—Celebrated Holy Communion at same church, at Early Morng Service.

April 15th—(3rd Sunday after Easter).—Preached at Church of the Nativy, Huntsville, morning and evening.

April 16th.—Preached at St. Paul's church, Decatur.

April 17th.—Preached again at same church.

April 17th.—At Evening Service, preached at St. Timothy's church, Athens, d confirmed two persons.

April 18th.—Preached at same church, and celebrated Holy Communion.

April 18th.—Preached at Trinity church, Florence, at Evening Service.

April 19th.—Preached at same church; confirmed one person, and celerated Holy Communion.

April 19th.—Preached, at evening service, at St. John's church, Tuscumbia, nd confirmed four persons.

April 20th.—Preached at same church; confirmed two persons, and celebrated Holy Communion. I also baptized two infants.

April 20th.—At evening service, I preached at Trinity, Morgan county.

April 22nd—(4th Sunday after Easter).—Preached at the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville. A storm interrupted the evening service.

April 23rd.—I preached again in Huntsville, and confirmed five persons.

April 24th.—Celebrated Holy Communion at same church at Early Service.

April 25th—(St. Mark's Day.)—Preached, morning and evening, at Church of the Advent, Birmingham, and confirmed eight persons. Number confirmed in this church since last report, sixteen.

April 29th—(5th Sunday after Easter.)—Preached, morning and evening, at Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, confirming eight persons.

The members of the present Convention have an opportunity of witnessing the great improvement in the church building, which has been effected within the last few months.

The following is a summary of my official acts for the year just closed, viz.:

Baptisms—infants, 16.....Total...	16
Marriages	2
Funerals	5
Priests Ordered	2
Churches Consecrated	3
Lay Readers Licensed	1
Confirmations	29

SUMMARY FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS.

	1881.	1882.	1883.	
Baptisms	16	8	16.....Total...	40
Marriages	2		2	4
Funerals	2		5	7
Deacons Made	1	2		3
Priests Ordered	2		2	4
Deaconesses	1			1
Churches Consecrated	1	3	1	5
Lay Readers Licensed	4	1	2	7
Confirmations	221	167	293	681

ASSENTS GIVEN.

I have given my Canonical consent to the consecration of the Rev. Hugh Miller Thompson, D. D., as the Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi.

LETTERS DISMISSORY ISSUED.

To Rev. Theodore Reed, to the Diocese of Maryland.
" C. P. Dorset, to the Diocese of Wisconsin.
" A. I. Roberts (Deacon), to the Diocese of Texas.
" Alexander I. Drysdale, to the Diocese of Louisiana.

LETTERS DISMISSORY RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED.

Of Rev. H. K. Rees, from the Diocese of Georgia.
" Rev. George R. Upton, from the Diocese of Louisiana.
" Rev. I. L. Tucker, D. D., from the Diocese of Mississippi.

NOTICES OF DEPOSITIONS RECEIVED.

Of Emile I. Hall, by the Bishop of Kentucky.
" Roland Brent (Deacon), by the Bishop of Kentucky.
" George B Allen, Miss. Bishop of Northern California.
" D. O. Kellogg, Miss. Bishop of Pennsylvania.

I have received notice from the Bishop of Kentucky that the following named persons had ceased to be candidates for Holy Orders, viz.: Thomas B. Hubbell, Harry Campbell, Richard Hamilton, and C. I. Hazlewood.

CLERICAL CHANGES WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Rev. H. K. Rees is Rector of St. John's Church, Mobile.
" George R. Upton is Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Greenville.
" J. L. Tucker, D. D., is Rector of Christ Church, Mobile.

CLERICAL ITEMS.

The following named Clergy, in addition to their duties as Rectors of their respective Parishes, officiate as follows:

Rev. J. M. Banister, D. D., officiates at St. Luke's, Scottsboro.

Rev T. J. Beard (Dean), has charge of Mission at Gadsden.

Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D., has charge of St. Andrew's church, Prairieville.

Rev. George M. Everhart, D. D., has charge of Emanuel church, Opelika.

Rev. John A. Harrison, D. D., is Rector of St. John's, Forkland.

Rev. J. S Johnston is in charge of Church of the Good Shepherd, Mobile.

Rev. F B. Lee is Rector of Grace Church, Dallas.

Rev. Stewart McQueen has charge of St. Timothy, Athens.

Rev. B. F. Mower is in charge of St. John's, Tuscumbia.

Rev. Jesse C. Taylor is in charge of St. Matthias', Autaugaville, and St. Paul's, Lowndesboro.

Rev. S. U. Smith has charge of St. Mark's, Boligee, and St. James', Livingston.

Rev. J. F. Smith has charge of St. Peter's, Talladega, and church at Montevallo; also the church at Cross Plains.

Rev. W. A Stickney has charge of Mission at Brown's Station.

Rev DeB. Waddell has charge of Trinity Church, Union Springs, and St. Mark's, Troy.

ACCOUNT OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

(1) *Gibson Estate.*—The condition of this property is the same as at last report.

(2) *St. Mary's Rectory.*—This property is still indebted to the church at Gainesville in the sum of $133.74. I have leased it for five years at $100 00 per annum. As the property is kept under ample insurance, the debt to Gainesville Church is thus secured.

(3) *Church of the Good Shepherd, Mobile.*—I held in my hands, at last report, $941.27. This amount has been steadily added to, since that time. We hope to purchase a lot and to build a church at once. The people at home, thus far, have manifested but slight interest in this important work; but friends in New York are subscribing generously.

The property at Kushla, Mobile county, which (as has been stated in former part of this Address) belongs to this fund, is offered for sale. The original cost was $740.00. Its present value cannot materially differ from that sum.

(4) The proposed *Home for Widows and Orphans*, at Huntsville, Ala.:

Amount in hand last reported (Journal 1882, p. 32)	$1,065 3[illegible]
To Dividends on the Madison T. P. Co. Stock	36 0[illegible]
" Interest on Money Loaned on Certificate	60 2[illegible]
" Coupon on Alabama Bond	15 0[illegible]
" Net amount of sale of Nashville and Decatur Stock	314 00
Amount in hand at date	$1,490 51
Received since above statement	9 75
Amount of Assets	$1,500 26
Viz., 36 Shares ($25 at par value) of Madison Turnpike Company (market value hard to ascertain)	
1 Bond of Alabama (Class A), No. 2979, for $1,000, cost	$810 00
1 Certificate of Deposit, Thos. P. Miller & Co.	351 51
1 " " " " "	329 00
	$1,490 51
Cash in hand	9 75
	$1,500 26

NOTE.—The Shares (M. T. P. Co.) pay Dividends, as above stated in account.

(5) CHURCH HOME FUND.

The condition of this Fund is, substantially, the same as at last report. Considerable improvement has been made in the property during this year, and the proceeds of the Annual Bazaar, by which the "Homes" are in large part sustained, together with accrued interest on invested money, have been almost exactly equal to the expenditures for the same period of time.

For greater security, I have had the nine $1,000 Alabama Bonds registered in the State Treasury in Montgomery.

The amount at present invested in Public Securities is as follows, viz.:

6. Mobile County Bonds, 8 per cent., ave'e cost	$6,000 00
9. Alabama (A) Bonds, Registered, " "	5,486 14
1. M. & O. R. R., First Mortgage, "	1,172 50
1. Alabama (A) Bond (Coupon) "	840 00
1. Alabama (A) Bond (Coupon) "	835 00
Cash on hand for current expenses	1,435 65
	$15,769 29

It will be seen from the foregoing account of my Visitations that, since the last Annual Session of the Convention, I have visited every Parish and Mission Station in the Diocese, where regular services are being celebrated.

The general condition of the Diocese is, on the whole, more favorable than at last report. The number of Confirmations for the year just closed is larger than for some years past, and the labors of the Clergy are being distributed over a larger surface.

the Convocation System worked more generally and systematically, sion Work of the Diocese could be greatly enlarged, even with the number of Clergy.

Report of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Mission Fund (which I have seen), will exhibit the amount of interest in that department of our

ithstanding the prevailing impression that all the material interests of te are greatly improving, I cannot see the indications of such an im- condition in its bearings upon Church revenues. The support of the is not a whit less precarious, and the difficulty of supplying our vacant s, even by combining them under one Pastoral care, is not at all hed.

st and pray that our deliberations during the present sessions of the tion may be productive of great and enduring good.

Faithfully, RICHARD H. WILMER.

APPENDIX B.

Parochial Reports.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE—Rev. J. L. Tucker, Rector.

May 1st, 1883.

Communicants.....Present No...			362
Sunday School—Teachers, 14; Scholars, 140.....			54
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public.....			50
Baptisms.....			15
Confirmations.....			16
Marriages.....			8
Funerals.....			22
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report.....			8
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector.....	$2,509 00		
Convention Fund.....	715 00		
Current Expenses.....	1,489 04		
Repairs to Rectory.....	366 75—	$5,079	79
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms.....		326	25
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions.....	69 03		
From S. S. Easter Offerings.....	136 68—	205	71
Total Expenditures.....		$5,611	75

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA—May 2nd, 1883.

Communicants—In 1882, 185; Died, 2; Removed, 1.....Present No...			193
Baptized Persons not Communicants.....			300
Total Parishioners.....			493
Sunday School—Teachers, 12; Scholars, 80.....			92
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public.....			40
Baptisms.....			7
Confirmations.....			8
Marriages.....			3
Funerals.....			5
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report.....			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector.....	$1,200		
Convention Fund.....	165		
Current Expenses.....	517		
Repairs.....	6,843—	$8,725	00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms.....		73	89
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions.....		20	00
Total Expenditures.....		$8,818	89

REMARKS.—Since last report the church building has been entirely remodelled, and enlarged to twice its original size, at a cost of nearly $7,000. The attendance on the services of the church has greatly increased, and the interest manifested in her work is general among the people.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO—REV. R. H. COBBS, Rector.

May 1st, 1883.

Communicants—In 1882, 122; Died, 1; Removed, 4.....Present No...			119
Sunday School—Teachers, 7; Scholars, 50			57
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 15; Private, 1			16
Baptisms			10
Confirmations			2
Marriages			4
Funerals			8
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$873 90		
Convention Fund	165 00		
Current Expenses	59 10		
Memorial Window	215 15—	$1,313 15	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions	141 10		
Society for Relief of Disabled Clergymen	17 00—	158 10	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions	5 00		
Foreign Missions	5 00		
University of the South	35 00		
Mission to Jews	9 50		
Pensacola	41 00—	95 50	
Other contributions for church purposes	6 00	6 00	
Total Expenditures		$1,572 75	

REMARKS.—The offering presented at the Easter Festival was $189.20. Of this amount $100 was appropriated to the Memorial Window; the balance being given to Diocesan Missions. The sum of $14 was contributed to the Window by parties outside of the Sunday School.

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, MARION.

REV. R. H. COBBS, Minister in Charge—May 1st, 1883.

Communicants.....Present No...		44
Sunday School—Teachers, 7; Scholars, 30		37
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		7
Baptisms		6
Confirmations		4
Marriages		3
Funerals		1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		7
Parochial Expenditures—Salary of Rector	$35 85	

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY—Rev. H. Stringfellow, Rector.

May 2nd, 1883.

Communicants—In 1883, 495; Died, 6; Removed, 20.....Present No...			502
Sunday School—Teachers, 20; Scholars, 176			196
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 26; Private, 3			29
Baptisms			29
Confirmations			60
Marriages			6
Funerals			13
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report			11
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$3,000 00		
Convention Fund	812 50		
Current Expenses	1,157 75		
		$4,970	25
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms	$230 25		
Harvest Home	286 00		
S. C. Festival	730 00		
		1,246	25
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions	$430 00	430	00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
University of the South	50 00	50	00
Other contributions for church purposes	173 00	173	00
Total Expenditures		$6,869	50

Remarks.—Of the confirmations reported, ten were boarders of Hamner Hall.

GRACE CHURCH, DALLAS COUNTY—Rev. F. B. Lee, Rector.

May, 1883.

Communicants—In 1882, 32; Died, 1; Removed, 2.....Present No...		35
Baptized Persons not Communicants		26
Total Parishioners		61
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 10; Private, 2		12
Baptisms		1
Confirmations		2
Funerals		3
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$56 00	
Convention Fund	22 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	16 95	
Total Expenditures	$88 95	

Remarks.—This church was consecrated by the Bishop on the 6th of April, by the name of Grace Church. The occasion was celebrated by the attendance of many members of the sister church in Carlowville, who were afterwards sumptuously entertained by the parishioners.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TUSCUMBIA—Rev. B. F. Mower, Rector.
April 30th, 1883.

ommunicants—In 1882, 35 ..... Present No...		40
unday School—Teachers, 4; Scholars, 20		24
elebration of Holy Communion—Public		10
aptisms		5
onfirmations		6
unerals		1
arochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$127 00	
Convention Fund	15 00	
Current Expenses	12 55	
Repairs—Sunday School Library $ 9 60; Fence around the church and painting it 54 70	64 30	
harities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	7 40	
Offerings of congregation and Sunday School at Easter	23 10	
harities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions	2 80	
otal Expenditures	$252 15	

Remarks.—A new fence has been put around the church lot; the money or the work was made by the exertions of the ladies of the parish.

T. LUKE'S CHURCH, SCOTTSBORO—Rev. Stewart McQueen, Rector.
May, 1883.

ommunicants—In 1882, 23; Died, 1; Removed, 1 ..... Present No...		24
aptized Persons not Communicants		15
Total Parishioners		39
unday School—Teachers, 8; Scholars, 35		43
elebration of Holy Communion—Public		6
aptisms		1
onfirmations		8
arriages		1
unerals		2
arochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$125 25	
Convention Fund	15 00	
Repairs	30 00	
harities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	10 35	
harities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South	8 05	
otal Expenditures	$188 65	

Remarks.—From May 1st, 1882, to February 1st, 1883, services were held n this church one Sunday per month (the 4th.) The prospects are very fair. During the past two months Rev. Dr. Banister has given them two services monthly.

TRINITY CHURCH, FLORENCE—Rev. B. F. Mower, Rector.
April 30th, 1883.

ommunicants—In 1882, 42 ..... Present No...	40
unday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 25	30

Celebration of Holy Communion—Public..... 10
Confirmations..... 1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report..... 10

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$193 00	
Convention Fund	15 00	
Current Expenses	20 85	
Repairs	41 30	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	14 60	
Easter and Lenten Off rings: Congregation, $25.75; Sunday School, $6 10.....Total	31 85	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions	3 10	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	4 00	
Foreign Missions	3 50	
Total Expenditures	$324 60	

REMARKS.—The church edifice has been improved within by the applicat— of paint and alabastine, and by raising the Vestry Room to a level with floor of the church, and by lathing and plastering it. The fence around lot has been renewed.

ST. TIMOTHY'S CHURCH, ATHENS—REV. STEWART MCQUEEN, Rec■.
May, 1883.

Communicants—In 1882, 25; Removed, 1 .....Present No... 2
Baptized Persons not Communicants..... 1
Total Parishioners 41
Sunday School—Teachers, 7; Scholars, 30..... 37
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public..... 7
Confirmations 2
Funerals..... 1

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$125 00	
Convention Fund	20 00	
Repairs	75 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	13 05	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South	9 30	
Total Expenditures	$242 35	

REMARKS.—Services are held in this church one Sunday in each month (the 2nd.) The Parish is struggling for existence. The burden falls on a few. The prospects for church growth are fair only.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MOBILE—REV. HENRY K. REES, Rector.
April 30th, 1883.

Communicants—Reported in 1882, 686; Died, 5; Removed, 6....Present Number (added by first Communion, 45).....710*
Sunday School—Teachers, 12; Scholars, 133 in attendance 145
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 26; Private, 9..... 35
Baptisms..... 17

.s			43
			18
			20
nonths spent in the Parish since last report			9
penditures—			
Rector (nine months)	$1,149 40		
ion Fund	150 00		
Expenses	297 55		
	457 20		
School	65 75		
sional service during vacancy	94 00—	$2,213 90	
l Benefactions in the Parish—			
ion Alms		123 10	
l Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Home	368 75		
ı Missions	66 90—	435 65	
l Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
c Missions	22 00		
Missions	5 00—	27 00	
ditures		$2,799 65	

—The number of communicants is given from the records and reports, the Rector not feeling authorized to take any names ord except for death or removal. The number of those who have munion within one year is about 400.

r appends as part of this report a resolution adopted by the e Parish:

That the Rector is hereby requested, in his annual report from o make grateful recognition of the service rendered to this e Rt. Rev the Bishop of this Diocese in personally continuing rvices on Sundays, during the recent vacancy in the Rectorship.

F THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE—Rev. J. M. Banister, D. D., Rector.—May 2nd, 1883.

ts—In 1882, 265; Died, 2; Removed, 4		Present No.	266
ol—Teachers, 12; Scholars, about 170			182
f Holy Communion—Public, 17; Private, 2			19
			9
s			5
			4
			10
nonths spent in the Parish since last report			12
penditures—			
f Rector	$1,800 00		
ion Fund	350 00		
Expenses	536 00		
l Benefactions in the Parish—			
ion Alms	123 92		
s at Children's Easter Festival	651 00		
l Benefactions in the Diocese—			
ı Missions	153 00		
l Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
ity of the South	6 50		
ditures		$3,620 42	

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE—Rev. J. S. Johnston, Rector.

April 30th, 1883.

Communicants—In 1882, same as now; Died, 7; Removed, 15....Present Number of actual communicants.....202
Confirmed Persons not Communicants, who habitually neglect H. C..... 75
Total Parishioners, about.....600
Sunday School—Teachers, 18; Scholars, 150.....168
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 17; Private 15..... 32
Baptisms..... 31
Confirmations..... 22
Marriages..... 13
Funerals..... 23
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report, 11 mos. and 1 week.

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$1,800 00	
Convention Fund	350 00	
Current Expenses	876 58	
Repairs	63 90	
		$3,090 48
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	400 30	
Communion Linen	25 00	
		425 30
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Church Home	414 80	
Diocesan Missions	115 60	
Distribution of Tracts	10 00	
		540 40
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	21 99	
Foreign Missions	41 15	
University of the South	47 00	
Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen	20 25	
Pensacola Sufferers	54 60	
		184 99
Other contributions for church purposes—		
Building Fund		164 60
Total Expenditures		$4,405 22

Remarks.—There are, besides the communicants reported above, about 40 or 50 others on the books, who live in different parts of the country, but who have never been transferred. They are available for no purpose in sustaining the Parish. About ten women to one man.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LIVINGSTON—Rev. Stephen U. Smith, Rector.

May 2nd, 1883.

Communicants—In 1882, 30; Died, 1; Removed, 9.....Present No. - - 21
Baptized Persons not Communicants..... 23

Total Parishioners..... 44
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 20..... 25
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public..... 4
Baptisms..... 3
Marriages..... 2
Funerals..... 2
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report..... 5

arochial Expenditures—	
Convention Fund, including arrears	$168 00
Current Expenses	42 00
Repairs	161 50
harities and Benefactions in the Parish—	
Communion Alms	12 15
harities and Benefactions in the Diocese—	
Diocesan Missions	8 00
harities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—	
University of the South	3 50
otal Expenditures	$395 15

REMARKS.—Commenced service the 2nd Sunday in Advent, December 10th, 882. Service the 2nd Sunday in each month.

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS—REV. JOHN A. HARRISON, Rector.

May 2nd, 1883.

ommunicants—In 1882, 82; Died, 1 ..... Present No...	83
unday School—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 50	56
elebration of Holy Communion—Public	18
aptisms	11
onfirmations	2
larriages	2
unerals	7
umber of months spent in the Parish since last report	12

arochial Expenditures—	
Salary of Rector	$ 700 00
Convention Fund	132 00
Current Expenses	57 25
For Rectory Society	268 96
harities and Benefactions in the Parish—	
Communion Alms	32 25
harities and Benefactions in the Diocese—	
Church Home	11 70
Diocesan Missions	93 36
Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergy	15 80
harities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—	
University of the South	17 00
Yellow Fever Sufferers	45 60
Church Work among the Jews	3 35
otal Expenditures	$1,377 21

REMARKS.—Since the last Convention, the Parish has parted with one of s oldest and most respected members, as he was among the most valued of ur citizens and an ornament to the State and country—Mr. F. S. Lyon. He ied December 29th, 1882.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA—REV. R. W. BARNWELL, Rector.

May 2nd, 1883.

ommunicants—In 1882, 208 ..... Present No...	220
unday School—Teachers, 12; Scholars, 110	122
elebration of Holy Communion—Public, 15; Private, 4	19
aptisms	16
onfirmations	11
larriages	6

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE—Rev. J. S. Johnston, Rector.

April 30th, 1883.

Communicants—In 1882, same as now; Died, 7; Removed, 15....Present Number of actual communicants....203
Confirmed Persons not Communicants, who habitually neglect H. C.....75
Total Parishioners, about....600
Sunday School—Teachers, 18; Scholars, 150.....168
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 17; Private 15.....32
Baptisms....31
Confirmations....22
Marriages....13
Funerals....23
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report, 11 mos. and 1 week.

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$1,800 00	
Convention Fund	350 00	
Current Expenses	876 58	
Repairs	63 90	
		$3,090 48
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	400 30	
Communion Linen	25 00	
		425 30
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Church Home	414 80	
Diocesan Missions	115 60	
Distribution of Tracts	10 00	
		540 40
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	21 99	
Foreign Missions	41 15	
University of the South	47 00	
Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen	20 25	
Pensacola Sufferers	54 60	
		184 99
Other contributions for church purposes—		
Building Fund		166 00
Total Expenditures		$4,405 [illegible]

Remarks.—There are, besides the communicants reported above, about 4[illegible] or 50 others on the books, who live in different parts of the country, bu[illegible] who have never been transferred. They are available for no purpose i[illegible] sustaining the Parish. About ten women to one man.

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May 2nd, 1883.

Communicants—In 1882, 30; Died, 1; Removed, 9.....Present No... 21
Baptized Persons not Communicants.... 23

Total Parishioners.... 44
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 20.... 25
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public.... 4
Baptisms.... 3
Marriages.... 2
Funerals.... 2
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report.... 5

rochial Expenditures--
Convention Fund, including arrears.....$168 00
Current Expenses..... 42 00
Repairs..... 161 50
arities and Benefactions in the Parish—
Communion Alms 12 15
arities and Benefactions in the Diocese—
Diocesan Missions 8 00
arities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese--
University of the South..... 3 50

tal Expenditures.....$395 15

REMARKS.--Commenced service the 2nd Sunday in Advent, December 10th, 82. Service the 2nd Sunday in each month.

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS--REV. JOHN A. HARRISON, Rector.

May 2nd, 1883.

mmunicants--In 1882, 82; Died, 1..... .....Present No... 83
nday School--Teachers, 6; Scholars, 50..... 56
lebration of Holy Communion—Public..... 18
ptisms 11
nfirmations..... 2
arriages..... 2
nerals 7
mber of months spent in the Parish since last report..... 12
rochial Expenditures—
Salary of Rector.....$ 700 00
Convention Fund..... 132 00
Current Expenses..... 57 25
For Rectory Society..... 268 96
arities and Benefactions in the Parish—
Communion Alms..... 32 25
arities and Benefactions in the Diocese—
Church Home..... 11 70
Diocesan Missions..... 93 36
Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergy..... 15 80
arities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—
University of the South..... 17 00
Yellow Fever Sufferers..... 45 60
Church Work among the Jews..... 3 35

tal Expenditures.....$1,377 21

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May 2nd, 1883.

Communicants—In 1882, 208.....Present No...220
Sunday School—Teachers, 12; Scholars, 110.....122
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 15; Private, 4..... 19
Baptisms..... 16
Confirmations..... 11
Marriages..... 6

Funerals		5
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$1,800 00	
Convention Fund	350 00	
Current Expenses	424 35	
Repairs	1,000 00	
	1,500 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	60 00	
Total Expenditures	$5,134 35	

REMARKS.—Amount of church property, $40,000.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE—REV. F. B. LEE, Rector.
May, 1883.

Communicants—In 1882, 65; Died, 2	Present No.	61
Baptized Persons not Communicants		59
Total Parishioners		120
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 45		51
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 11; Private, 5		16
Baptisms		7
Confirmations		2
Funerals		9
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$202 20	
Convention Fund	30 00	
Christmas Offering	11 00	
Easter Offering	23 00	
Sunday School Offering	6 00—	$27[illegible] 20
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		3[illegible] 05
Total Expenditures		$ 307[illegible] 25

REMARKS.—The above Christmas and Easter offerings by members of the congregation and the children of the Sunday School, were contributions for my personal benefit, which I desire here to record with grateful acknowledgment.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MARENGO COUNTY—M. S. MILLER, Senior Warden.
April 30th, 1883.

Communicants—In 1882, 31; died, 1; removed, 3	Present No.	29
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 2	Total	2
Baptisms		1
Funerals		2
Parochial Expenditures—		
Convention Fund	$60	00
Current Expenses	10	00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	8	20
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions	9	30
Total Expenditures	$87	20

OF THE HOLY CROSS, UNIONTOWN—Rev. W. A. Stickney, Rector.—May 2nd, 1883.

ants—In 1882, 53; Removed, 9		Present No...	49
n of Holy Communion—Public, 23; Private, 2			25
			4
ons			1
f months spent in the Parish since last report			12
Expenditures—			
of Rector	$250 00		
ntion Fund	65 00		
nt Expenses	31 15		
rs	164 65		
rch bell and tower	182 17		
y's expenses to Convention	15 00—	$707 97	
nd Benefactions in the Diocese—			
san Missions	5 45—	5 45	
nd Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
y for Promoting Christianity among Jews	5 00		
Job Turner, ministering to deaf mutes	4 00—	9 00	
enditures		$ 722 42	

s.—As in my last report, I am engaged with this Parish half of the days: giving, however, all the church's marked days in the week and the Fridays in Lent. St. Michael's received two public ser- Holy Communions; and St. Wilfrid's, Marion, one; with the bap- me children. The ladies of Holy Cross have labored diligently in nds for repairing the church and buying a bell; incurring no undis- abilities.

'HEN'S CHURCH, EUTAW—Rev. Stephen U. Smith, Rector. May 2nd, 1883.

ants		Present No...	45
n of Holy Communion—Public, 12; Private, 1			13
			5
ions			5
			2
			1
f months spent in the Parish since last report			12
Expenditures—			
of Rector	$301 00		
ntion Fund	55 00		
nt Expenses	42 55		
nd Benefactions in the Parish—			
nunion Alms	43 80		
nd Benefactions in the Diocese—			
san Missions	13 30		
ws and Orphans Society of Deceased Clergy	7 95		
nd Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
stic Missions	2 50		
gn Missions	7 50		
rsity of the South from Communion Offerings	5 00		
Friday Offerings	6 00		
enditures	$791 60		

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, FORK OF GREENE—Rev. Stephen U. Smith, Rector.

May 2nd, 1883.

Communicants—Present Number			11
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 12		Total	12
Baptisms			2
Confirmations			1
Funerals			2
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$211 00		
Convention Fund	27 50—	$ 238	50
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms	27 90—	27	90
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions, from Communion Offerings	5 95		
Widows and Orphans Society of Deceased Clergy	2 05—	8	00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
University of the South		2	50
Total Expenditures		$ 276	90

Remarks.—Since the Second Sunday in Advent, service the fourth Sunday in each month.

EMANUEL CHURCH, OPELIKA—Rev. Geo. M. Everhart, in charge.

April 28th, 1883.

Communicants—In 1882, 20; removed, 3	Present No	17
Sunday School—Teachers, 4; scholars, 20	Total	24
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 4; private, 1	Total	5
Baptisms		2
Confirmations		3
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector—February, 1882, to date		$ 95 00
Repairs		100 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		15 85
Total Expenditures		$210 85

Remarks.—Many removals and other untoward circumstances have well nigh destroyed the Parish as an organization, and greatly reduced the probabilities of an early restoration of even its former status.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE—Rev. J. F. Smith, Rector.

May 1st, 1883.

Communicants—In 1882, 50; died, 1; removed, 5	Present No	47
Baptized Persons not Communicants		44
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 40	Total	46
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 13; private, 2	Total	15
Baptisms		4
Confirmations		3
Marriages		1
Funerals		4
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12

chial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector	$200 00
Current Expenses	25 00
Repairs	5 00
ities and Benefactions in the Parish—	
Communion Alms	41 95
ities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—	
Domestic Missions	10 00
l Expenditures	$281 95

THOMAS' CHURCH, GREENVILLE—Rev. George R. Upton, Rector.

May 2nd, 1883.

municants—In 1882, 46; removed, 2	Present No.	45
ıy School—Teachers, 7; scholars, 25	Total	32
bration of Holy Communion—Public, 6	Total	6
tisms, 3 infants and 4 adults	Total	7
firmations		8
riages		1
aber of Months spent in the Parish		5

ɔchial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector	$166 75	
Convention Fund	40 00	
Current Expenses	44 50	
Rectory Fund	861 62—	$1,112 82
rities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	28 85	
Sunday School Offerings	17 00—	45 85
rities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		6 50
rities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	2 00	
Foreign Missions	2 00—	4 00
ıl Expenditures		$1,169 17

emarks—I entered upon my duties as Rector of this Parish on the 2nd day in Advent, December 10th, 1882. I am glad to report that when I e to the Parish a rectory was ready for occupancy. The rectory is an ɜedingly neat, comfortable and convenient Gothic building, costing 200, which amount was raised in the last three years. The building of rectory is an evidence of what a few devoted and earnest people can do n in a community where there is no wealth.

URCH OF THE ADVENT, BIRMINGHAM—Rev. Thos. J. Beard, Rector

May 1st, 1883.

ımunicants—In 1882, ——; Died, 4; Removed, 10	Present No.	200
day School—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 60		66
ɜbration of Holy Communion—Public, 35; Private, 1		36
tisms		24
firmations		16
riages		6
ıerals		19
nber of months spent in the Parish since last report		12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$1,500 00	
Convention Fund	100 00	
Current Expenses	115 00	
Repairs	175 00	
Debt paid on Rectory	150 00—	$2,040 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	$ 49 60	
Parish Aid Society	535 85—	585 45
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions	65 80	
Collection for Convocation	22 66—	88 46
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	16 25	
Foreign Missions	16 25	
University of the South	31 80	
Mexican League	10 00	
Society for Conversion of Jews	4 10—	78 40
Other contributions for Church purposes		100 00
Total Expenditures		$2,892 31

REMARKS.—As Dean of the Convocation, the Rector reports the baptism of two children and three persons confirmed at Gadsden, the mission point at which the Convocation have resolved to concentrate their work.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, TALLADEGA—REV. J. F. SMITH, Rector.
May 1st, 1883.

Communicants—In 1883, 56	Present No...	62
Baptized Persons not Communicants		65
Total Parishioners		127
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 21		26
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		10
Baptisms		3
Confirmations		5
Marriages		1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$125 00	
Current Expenses	10 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	31 45	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	6 00	
Total Expenditures	$172 45	

TRINITY CHURCH, UNION SPRINGS—REV. DEB. WADDELL, Rector.
May 2nd, 1883.

Communicants—In 1882, 19	Present No...	24
Baptized Persons not Communicants		36
Total Parishioners		60
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 18		23
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		6

Baptisms. 1
Confirmations..... 6
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report 12

Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector.....	$150 00
Convention Fund	15 00
Current Expenses.....	10 00
Repairs.....	100 00

Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—

Communion Alms.....	65 00
Total Expenditures	$340 00

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON STATION—Rev. R. H. Cobbs, Rector.

May 1st, 1883.

Communicants ..... Present No...23
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 10
Marriages 1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report..... 11

Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector.....	$200 00	
Convention Fund.....	50 00—	$250 00

Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—

Diocesan Missions.....	20 40	
Widows and Orphans' Society.....	10 00—	30 40

Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—

Domestic Missions.....	3 40	
Foreign Missions	3 40	
Increase of the Ministry.....	7 00—	13 80
Other contributions for Church purposes.....	10 00—	10 00
Total Expenditures.		$ 304 20

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, PRATTVILLE—Rev. J. C Taylor, Rector.

April, 1883.

Communicants—In 1882, 2: Removed, 7.....Present No...23
Baptized Persons not Communicants—not known.
Total Parishioners.....23
Sunday School—Teachers, 3; Scholars, 30.....33
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, monthly.....10
Baptisms—Infants, 2; Adults, 1..... 3
Confirmations 7
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report.....10

Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector.....	$130 00
Convention Fund.....	15 00
Current Expenses	25 00
Repairs.....	170 00
Total Expenditures.....	$340 00

MONTEVALLO MISSION—Rev. F. J. Smith, Missionary.

May 1st, 1883.

Communicants—In 1882, 12	Present No.	17
Baptized Persons not Communicants		25
Total Parishioners		42
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		2
Baptisms		1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$125 00	
Current Expenses	5 00—$	130 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		7 60
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese		5 00
Total Expenditures	$	142 60

Remarks.—The services of the church are now held at Brierfield, in connection with this Mission, which enhances the prospects of the church in this vicinity very much.

GRACE CHURCH, CLAYTON—Rev. DeB. Waddell, Rector.

May 2nd, 1883.

Communicants	Present No.	27
Baptized Persons not Communicants		40
Total Parishioners		67
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 25		30
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		12
Baptisms		2
Confirmations		1
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$	75 00
Convention Fund		25 00
Current Expenses		20 00
Repairs		20 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		20 00
Total Expenditures	$	160 00

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, TROY—Rev. DeB. Waddell, Rector.

May 2nd, 1883.

Communicants—In 1882, 22	Present No.	22
Baptized Persons not Communicants		40
Total Parishioners		62
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 20		25
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		6
Confirmations		5
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		12

Parochial Expenditures—	
Salary of Rector	$325 00
Convention Fund	25 00
Current Expenses	20 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—	
Communion Alms	20 00
Other Contributions for Church Purposes	60 00
Total Expenditures	$450 00

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FORKLAND--REV. JOHN A. HARRISON, Rector.

May 2nd, 1883.

Communicants—In 1883, 20; Removed, 1 ... Present No.	24
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 35	40
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public	12
Confirmations	5
Marriages	1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report	12
Parochial Expenditures—	
Salary of Rector	$200 00
Convention Fund	15 00
Repairs	35 05
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—	
Communion Alms	20 20
Other Contributions	24 35
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—	
Diocesan Missions	7 35
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—	
University of the South	10 00
Total Expenditures	$311 95

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOWNDESBORO.

May, 1883.

Communicants--In 1882, 18 ... Present No.	18
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public	2
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report	10
Parochial Expenditures—	
Salary of Rector	$110 60
Church Repairs	165 00
Rectory	98 00
Total Expenditures	$373 60

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, AUTAUGAVILLE—REV. J. C. TAYLOR, Rector

April, 1883.

Communicants—In 1882, 5 ... Present No.	5
Baptized Persons not Communicants—not known.	
Total Parishioners	5
Baptisms	1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report	6

REMARKS.—I began the work here in October, and up to the time of my failing health, it was most promising. There is a class there waiting Confirmation; and the most encouraging feature of my Lenten Service was the fact that, in connection with large white congregations, the galleries were invariably filled with colored persons.

GRACE CHURCH, ANNISTON.—May 1st, 1883.

Communicants—In 1882, 30.....Present No... 35
Sunday School—Teachers, 14; Scholars, 150.....164
Celebration of Holy Communion..... 14
Baptisms..... 8
Confirmations..... 2
Marriages..... 4
Funerals..... 9
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report..... 12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$1,500 00	
Convention Fund	75 00	
Current Expenses	125 00	
Repairs	10 00	
For the Sunday School	153 80	
Other Parochial Objects	70 00	$1,933 80
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	53 00	
Other Contributions for the Poor	176 30	229 30
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		87 73
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	44 60	
Foreign Missions	5 00	
University of the South	35 00	
Society for Relief of Disabled Clergymen	6 00	
Diocesan Missions in Tennessee	20 00	
New York Bible and Prayer Book Society	8 00	
Society for Conversion of Jews	5 00	
Other Contributions for Church Purposes	26 00	14[illegible] 60
Total Expenditures		$2,4[illegible]0 8[illegible]

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, DECATUR—Rev. Stewart McQueen, Rect[illegible]r.

May 1st, 1883.

Communicants—In 1882, 30; Died, 1; Removed, 4.....Present N[illegible] ...2
Baptized Persons not Communicants..... ...1
Total Parishioners..... ...41
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 15..... ...20
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public..... ...12
Baptisms..... 2
Marriages..... 1
Funerals..... 6
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report.....12

Parochial Expenditures—	
Salary of Rector	$438 45
Convention Fund	27 50
Current Expenses	12 00
Repairs	80 00
Convention Expenses	8 40
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—	
Communion Alms	22 80
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—	
University of the South	22 80
Total Expenditures	$589 15

REMARKS.—The Communion Alms were given to the University of the South. The Charities of the Parish were met with other funds. From May, 1882, to February, 1883, services were held in this Church two Sundays per month. Since February 1st, services are held three Sundays per month.

This Parish contributes from May, '82 to May, '83, 21.89\frac{1}{25}$ *per capita.*

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, EVERGREEN—REV. GEO. R. UPTON, Rector—April 26th, 1883.

Communicants—In 1882, 16; Removed, 1.....Present No..16
Baptized Persons not Communicants.....28

Total Parishioners.....44
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 25.....30
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public..... 2
Baptisms..... 3
Funerals..... 1

Parochial Expenditures—
Paid on Salary of Rector.....$ 60 00
Convention Fund..... 10 00
Current Expenses..... 5 80
Repairs..... 71 42

Total Expenditures.....$147 22

REMARKS.—I visit this Parish the 3rd Sunday of each month, and administer the Sacrament of the Holy Communion bi-monthly. I celebrated Divine Service, for the first time, on the Sunday after Christmas, December 31st, 1882.

The congregations have been good. Members of the denominations attend the services very well.

The church building was painted a few months since, which improves the exterior very much.

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, BROWN'S STATION, DALLAS CO. REV. W. A. STICKNEY, Rector. May 2nd, 1883.

Communicants—In 1882, before the Parish was formed, 6; Present number.....23
Baptized Persons not Communicants.....12

Total Parishioners.....35
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 2; Private, 1..... 3
Baptisms..... 14
Confirmations.....17.

Parochial Expenditures—
Salary of Rector—$120 promised—Received.....$10 00
Current Expenses..... 28 85

Total Expenditures.....$38 85

REMARKS.—At this Station on the Alabama Central Railroad, eight miles east of Uniontown, Mr. F. M. Dansby has been Lay reading from time to time in a building known as the "Union Church." I had services, preaching, and the Holy Communion for them last Whit-Sunday—the first ever held there by a Priest of the Church. I visited them again on the 21st—Sunday after Trinity—announcing

the Bishop's visitation for the following Sunday. After services I requested all who were concerned about Baptism or Confirmation, to remain and see me. The next day was spent hunting up the scattered people in their houses, trying to instruct and awaken them. The Bishop's visitation was attended with the results above reported. They have since organized into a Parish, and are applying for admission into this Convention. I have consented to act as their Rector, providing them with ministrations once a month.

FAUNSDALE CHAPEL, FAUNSDALE, MARENGO COUNTY—REV. W. A. STICKNEY, Rector—Colored Congregation.

May 2nd, 1883.

Four infants have been baptized; seven marriages solemnized; one Holy Communion celebrated, and some eight or ten other services.

Instruction of the children has been kept up in the main, on certain Sundays, when the weather permitted.

I am at a loss to know what to do in this field of labor. For the past twenty years I have been *practically* familiar with various of the experiments recommended on paper in different quarters of the Church. My strength and deepest concern have been expended on them. With the beautifully ecclesiological structure erected on the plantation in days of slavery, I have had, and *used*, the *opportunity* of dealing with it as a regular Parish—baptizing and instructing the children, celebrating the Holy Communion, visiting the sick as physician to both soul and body, solemnizing marriage, and burying the dead. In settling their quarrels, counseling them through difficulties, and in all my dealings—my going out and coming in among them—the staple of my conversation has been *their responsibility and allegiance* to their Creator, as taught by our Redeemer.

I have found it easy to bring forward classes to Confirmations. The picture is attractive to them. *Outwardness* ever has a charm for them, and the more of it, the greater their avidity to participate in it.

But emptiness, sham, hypocrisy, are about all that I have yet seen come of it. I am paralyzed in any and every attempt to induce this race of people to realize that God requires the *keeping of His Commandments* as a condition of pleasing Him. They will flock to the Holy Communion besotted in bestial depravity, unless I can find it out and repel them. It distresses me to invite them to the *pure* participation of that Holy Sacrifice. I have hence reported but one celebration the whole past year, and I cannot actually frame a list of communicants, as may be seen in my statistics above.

This is not the report of a missionary toiling among the heathen on Afric's shores. But it is the exhibit of Americanized Africans, that have been instructed from childhood in the Catechism, on this plantation. I have in my view successive crops of the young—children's children—who have thus been tried, and I fail to see one step gained for or by them in purity of life and common morality.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS—1882-'83.

Sunday School Teachers	223
Sunday School Scholars	1718
Baptisms	259
Confirmations	274
Marriages	95
Funerals	176
Present number of Communicants	3736
Diocesan Missions	$ 1,730 07
Other Expenditures	52,418 93
Total Expenditures	$54,149 00

APPENDIX C.

Report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

The undersigned, Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, beg leave to submit the following report:

Under the resolutions of the last Convention, "all moneys loaned have been called in," and invested in Alabama Bonds, Class A. The denomination and cost of these Bonds will appear from the Treasurer's Report, of this date, as will a lot of the securities belonging to the Fund.

The Treasurer has received $794.47 of interest, and has paid the same to the Treasurer of the Diocese, leaving no balance in his hands.

The Selma City Bonds have not been sold. The undersigned were unwilling to accept fifty cents on the dollar for them, without the instructions of the Convention.

The undersigned have no report to make of the present condition of the Hamner Hall property, except the general statement that the rents have been expended in repairs and permanent improvements; but no statement of these repairs and improvements have been rendered to them. No revenue has been derived from this property since its purchase, while $350 have been expended in keeping the building insured. It should be self-supporting.

It will be remembered that the property was purchased in May, 1879, for the sum of $7,000, under the order of the Convention of that year. (See Journal 1879, pp. 23 and 24; and 1880, p. 16.) It was then leased to Rev. George M. Everhart, D. D., for five years, at an annual rent of $560, which, for three years, has been applied to repairs, according to the terms of the lease. (Journal 1880, pp. 16 and 17.) The rents of the remaining two years of the lease, ending 30th June, 1885, are to be applied to "such repairs and permanent improvements as the Bishop may deem proper and suitable to be made." (Journal 1882, p. 23) We have no details of these repairs and improvements, but presume they will be furnished to the Convention.

The Vestry of St. John's Parish have ordered the buildings known as the Bishop Call's Orphan Home, put in thorough repair, and have insured them.

The assets of the Fund now consist of 16,400 Alabama Bonds, Class A, which cost $9,525.89, and are now worth in the market $13,612; 2,500 Bonds of the City of Selma, which cost $1,875, and are now worth $1,250. Notwithstanding the depreciation in these Bonds, it will be recollected

that they have paid a large rate of interest. The cost of the Bonds, including interest up to January, 1883, has been $3,335, while the interest collected from them, and their present value, amount to $3,094—leaving the loss only $241.

The Hamner Hall property is now worth from ten to fifteen thousand dollars. The value of the Fund may be estimated as follows:

16,400 Alabama Bonds.....	Cost,	$9,525 89.....	Value,	$13,612 00
2,500 Selma Bonds.....	"	1,875 00.....	"	1,250 00
Hamner Hall Property.....	"	7,000 00.....	"	15,000 00
		$18,400 00		$29,862 00

This statement makes a gratifying exhibit, especially when it is remembered that the income of the Fund, since 1875, amounting to $7,777.46, has been applied towards the payment of the Bishop's salary. Had this income been regularly re-invested, according to the intention of many of the original donations, it will readily be seen how much the corpus of the Fund would have increased. We trust that the time is rapidly approaching when the income will be allowed to be annually added to the principal, and thus in time provide the means of Episcopal Support, without making assessments upon the Parishes for that purpose.

We would suggest that the Convention authorize the Trustees to exchange the Alabama Coupon Bonds for Registered Bonds, for greater security against loss.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. H. R. DAWSON,
JOSIAH MORRIS.

Tuskaloosa, April 30, 1883.

Read and referred to Finance Committee, May 3rd, 1883.

APPENDIX D.

Statement of N. H. R. Dawson, Treasurer of Bishop's Fund, Diocese of Alabama.

1882-'3. *DR.*

April 30	—Balance on hand last report, 1882	$ 125 00
May 17	—Interest on Note of Sam Edwards	53 00
July 1	—Semi-annual Interest on City Selma Bonds	80 00
Sept. 23	—Balance due on Note Sam Edwards	52 02
Jan'y 1	—July and January Interest on Alabama Bonds	310 50
"	—Interest on the Note of N. H. R. Dawson	400 00
"	—Principal of the Note N. H. R. Dawson	5,000 00
		$6,020 52

1882-'3. *CR.*

Aug. 15	—Two Alabama Bonds, $100 each, Nos. 8424 and 8648	$ 163 75
Jan'y 29	—Six Alabama Bonds, $1,000, Nos. 4847, 48, 49, 50, 51 and 52	$5,062 30
April 30	—Balance in Treasury paid to W. Barnewall, Treasurer,	794 47
		$6,020 52

Selma, Ala., April 30, 1883.

Statement of Securities Belonging to Bishop's Fund,

N. H. R. DAWSON, TREASURER, SELMA, ALA.

City of Selma Bonds—No. 116	$ 1,000 00
" " " —Nos. 52, 53, 54 ($500)	1,500 00
Alabama Bonds, Class "A"—Nos. 2376, 77, 78, 4718, 5201, 03, 04, 5222, 4847, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52 ($1,000)	14,000 00
—Nos. 8371, 72, 77, 8409, 10, 11, 24, 8542, 43, 8648, 81, 8711, 93, 94, 95, 96, 8833, 48, 8924 ($100)	1,900 00
—No. 6305	50 00
Total	$18,450 00

Selma, Ala., April 30, 1883.

APPENDIX E.

Diocesan Treasurer's Account.

WILLIAM BARNEWALL, *Treasurer,*

In account with THE DIOCESE OF ALABA[redacted]

1882.	DR.		
May 1—To balance account rendered	$		188[redacted]
St. Luke's Parish, Jacksonville, received after Treasurer' account closed, '81–'82,	25 00		
Athens Mission, '82–'83	20 00		
Anniston Mission, '82–'83	75 00		
Christ Church, Mobile, '82–'83	715 00		
Church Advent, Birmingham, '82–'83	100 00		
Church Nativity, Huntsville, '82–'83	350 00		
St. James' Parish, Livingston, '82–'83	150 00		
St. James' Parish, Livingston, on account '83–'84	5 00		
St. John's, Falkland, '82–'83	15 00		
St. John's, Mobile, on account '82–'83	150 00		
St. John's, Montgomery, '82–'83	715 00		
St. Mark's, Fork of Green, '82–'83	27 50		
St. Paul's, Carlowville, '82–'83	15 00		
St. Paul's, Greensboro, '82–'83	165 00		
St. Paul's, Selma, '82–'83	350 00		
St. Stephen's, Eutaw, '82–'83	55 00		
Trinity, Mobile, '82–'83	350 00		
Cross Plain Mission, '82–'83	10 00		
St. John's, Tuscumbia, '82–'83	15 00		
St. Peter's, Talladega, '82–'83	20 00		
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, '82–'83	165 00		
St. Thomas', Greenville, '82–'83	45 00		
St. Paul's, Decatur, '82–'83	27 50		
St. Paul's, Carlowville, '82–'83	15 00		
St. Mary's, Evergreen, '82–'83	10 00		
St. Andrew's, Macon, '82–'83	50 00		
Grace Church, Portland, '82–'83	22 00		
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown, '82–'83	65 00		
Trinity Parish, Demopolis, '82–'83	132 00		
Montevallo Mission, '82–'83	15 00		
St. Michael's, Marengo, '82–'83	60 00		
St. Mark's, Prattville, '82–'83	15 00		
Trinity, Florence, '82–'83	15 00		
St. Luke's, Scottsboro, '82–'83	15 00		
Grace Church, Clayton, '82–'83	25 00		
St. Mark's, Troy, '82–'83	25 00		
Emmanuel, Opelika, '82–'83	20 00		
Trinity Parish, Union Springs, '82–'83	15 00		
St. Luke's, Jacksonville, '82–'83	30 00		
Received from N. H. R. Dawson Interest Bishop's Fund '82–'83	794 47	—	4,88[redacted] 47
			$5,07[redacted] 29

CR.

By amount paid Rev. R. H. Cobbs, Secretary Convention '82–'83		$ 100 00
Amount paid Wm. Barnewall, Treasurer Diocese of Alabama '81–'82		50 00
Amount paid Sexton St. John's Church, Montery, '81–'82		10 00
Amount paid Cabaniss & McCall, 500 copies Journal Convention 1882		141 31
Amount paid New York Life Ins. Co., half prem. Life Policy Bishop R. H. Wilmer, $245—half		122 50
By amount paid Bishop R. H. Wilmer, in full for Salary '81–'82	$ 400 00	
In full for Salary '82–'83	4,000 00—	4,400 00
Balance cash on hand		253 48
		$5,077 29

To balance cash on hand.....$253 48

WM. BARNEWALL,
Treasurer Diocese of Alabama.

May 1, 1883.

Parishes in Arrears, 1882-'83.

iel Church, Opelika, '80–'81–'82	$ 65 00
Mission, '82–'83	20 00
hurch, Clayton, '82–'83	20 00
ıurch, Morgan county, '81–'82–'83	75 00
ew's Parish, Haynesville, '82–'83	10 00
n's Church, Painesville, '80–'81–'82–'83	40 00
d's Parish, '82–'83	10 00
s' Parish, Eufaula, '82–'83	125 00
's Parish, Cahaba, '81–'82	20 00
's Parish, Mobile, '82–'83	70 00
hew's, Autaugaville, '80–'81–'82–'83	80 00
's, Lowndesboro, '82–'83	45 00
's, Whistler, '81–'82–'83	45 00
's, Camden, '81–'82–'83	40 00
's, Spring Hill, '81–'82–'83	55 00
red's, Marion, '82–'83	50 00
	$770 00

WM. BARNEWALL,
Treasurer Diocese of Alabama.

APPENDIX F.

Report of the Rector of Hamner Hall.

To the Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D., *Bishop of Alabama:*

The Rector of Hamner Hall begs herewith to submit his report for the Diocesan year.

There has been expended on the property since last Convention the sum of $758.88 in the manner following, as per statement herewith submitted.

With the balance due for rent June 20th, 1882, $188.47, together with the rent of $560, due June 20th, 1883, the sum for improvements and repairs has been equal to the outlay, lacking only $10.41, which I have passed to the debit side of Rent Account for the new year beginning 1st of July.

The 30th day of June will end the fourth year of my lease; and the sum of $1,680 has been expended by the lessee on the property.

I respectfully call your attention to the improvements as they now exist.

The old platforms, in appearance like to the platforms to gin-houses, well nigh rotted down, have all been removed; and long, covered piazzas, handsomely built, have on two sides taken their places; and on the other two sides, well built, new and substantial porches have been erected.

The plastering, one-third of which had been destroyed, has all been restored through the entire building.

Twenty-three of the open fire-places have been filled with grates.

The fencing around the entire property has been put in excellent condition, of which the greater part is new.

The basement floor, and the roof, rotten and worthless after over twenty years' wear and exposure, have been replaced; and the wood-work, inside and out, excepting the lodging story, has been re-painted with two and three coats of paint. The blinds, doors and many other things put in repair.

The Brick building in the rear is still unimproved; and the third story is to be re-painted. The Shed addition is not yet fully repaired; and one or two new Recitation rooms may be made in it. The brick work on the gable ends is in a bad condition, and should have immediate attention; and other things are waiting to be put into more attractive shape. The School greatly needs Music Rooms and a Chapel. The former, and an Art Department, may be obtained by a judicious utilization of the Brick building referred to.

But there is a need greater and more urgent than any mentioned. We are being hemmed in on the north side, which is the only approach from

he city. Already four tenement houses have been built, with their rear uildings not far remote from the north front of the Hall. There is yet n angular lot to the west of these new houses, which, if built up, will ut us in completely from the city approach, and greatly damage the alue of the property for a Boarding or Day School.

The rear line of this angular lot, which is our side front, contains about wo hundred feet. The owners, Messrs. Moses, real estate brokers, have romised me not to improve it for the present, in deference to our neces-ties; but they express themselves as willing to sell it to the Diocese. hat is all I could do in the present emergency. It is necessary for this onvention to take action in the case, as it seems to me. It is a matter hich we cannot safely defer. The value to us of owning this lot, or ranging a ground rent of it for a term of years, is apparent to any one ho has noticed its peculiar location.

The condition of the School proper, is all that could be expected. It a perfect organization. The Departments are filled by persons of un-sual culture and ability; and Girls have the opportunities in Hamner all which they ordinarily can obtain only in the larger cities.

At this present writing there are seventy pupils in actual attendance, of hom twenty are boarders. Of this latter number, one was baptized in arch by the Rector in the School Chapel, and five were confirmed in t John's, at the Bishop's Visitation, the 1st of April.

The Services of the church are celebrated, as usual, every day during erm time. Besides these duties as Chaplain, I have been officiating as a issionary at Opelika, and as occasion required, or when present, assisted he Rector of St. John's, in this city.

Respectfully submitted, GEO. M. EVERHART.

Hamner Hall, April 30, 1883.

AMNER HALL RENT ACCOUNT,

To GEORGE M. EVERHART, *Dr.*

ew Roofing, with Pine Split Shingles, including Tinning, and Building of East Porch.

882.		Voucher.		
Nov. 25	—Paid John H. Hancock (Carpenter).....	A	$321 25	
Sept. 2	—Paid C. H. Cheatham (Tinner).....	B	68 75	
April 16	— " " " "	C	1 50	
Sept. 30	— " Dickinson, for piers under porch....	D	5 00	—$396 50
	Grates, and Putting Up.			
Nov. 30	—Paid D. M. Snow & Co., items with the X and.....	E	17 20	
Oct. 14	—Paid for Asphalt, Turpentine, &c., for finishing Hearths X and.....	F	4 05	
Oct. 11	—Paid for putting up six (6) Grates, and repairing another.....	G	8 00	— 29 25

Building New Gates in Front, and New Fence along Two Sides of Rear Lot, with Several Gates, &c.

Nov. 4—Paid Sandy Alford.....H	4 50		
Dec. 15— " " " I	20 00		
1883.			
Jan. 1—Paid A. S. Stewart & Co. (Lumber).....J	43 80		
1882.			
Nov. 30—Paid Wyman & Ball, X and.....K	2 11		
1883.			
Mar. 2—Paid D. M. Snow & Co., X and.....L	6 67—	77 08	

South Platform Porch (New), and Restoring Shed, Cutting Door Opening and Repairing Blinds.

Jan. 6—Paid Sandy Alford.....M	9 00		
Mar. 19— " " " and negro help.....N	13 50		
April 1— " A. S. Stewart & Co.....O	8 38		
" — " Nall & Co.....P	18 50—	49 38	

Painting Outside of Main Building, including 76 Pairs Blinds, Two Covered Porches, One Uncovered Porch, all the Towers on Building, and all Guttering and other Tin Work.

1883.			
Mar. 15–Ap'l 11—Materials, Paid R. A. Robinson & Co.Q	58 87		
" " Freight on same....R	4 15		
" " Express on same....R	1 25		
Mar. 3—Materials, Paid A. M. Kennedy X and.....S	1 95		
April 4— " " " " " .....T	3 45		
Total materials.....$	69 67		
April 16—Labor, Paid for Painters' labor.....U	126 15—	195 82	

Miscellaneous.

1882.			
—Fall Term, 1882.....V	3 00		
Aug. 10—Hobbie & Vandiver.....W	1 25		
1883.			
Jan. 27—Sandy Alford.....X	5 60		
Mar. 23—George H. Todd.....Y	1 00—	10	8
Grand total.....		$758	8

Cr.

By amount due Hamner Hall, for rent, June 30, 1882...$	188 47	
" " " " " " " " 1883...	560 00—	748
Due George M. Everhart, June 30, 1883, balance.....		$ 10

E. and O. E.

APPENDIX G.

ɔcount of Treasurer Diocesan Mission Fund.

ɪT MIDDLETON, *Treasurer*,

In Account Current with DIOCESAN MISSION FUND.

DR.

.....	To balance on h'nd as p'r last rep't..		$371 90
.....	St. Thomas' Parish, Greenville; Metcalf.....	11 55	
'83.....	St. Thomas' Parish, Greenville; Upton	6 50—	18 05
–May '83..	St. John's Parish, Mobile; Lester, at sundry times.....		66 90
"	Grace Church Parish, Anniston; Carnahan, at sundry times.....		87 73
.....	St. Paul's Parish, Low'sboro; Bishop		10 50
2.	" " Gr'nsboro; Cobbs.		34 65
.....	St. James' Parish, Eufaula; Reed...		10 35
.....	St. Stephens' Parish, Eutaw; Smith.		13 30
.....	St. Mark's Parish, Boligee; Smith..		5 95
ıd Nov....	Trinity Parish, Demopolis; P. & R..		48 53
.....	Wilfred's Church Parish, Marion; Cobbs.....		2 75
d Dec.....	St. Andrews' Parish, Macon; Cobbs.		13 25
.....	St. Michael's Parish, Marengo; the Bishop.....		9 30
.....	Church of Holy Cross Parish, Uniontown; the Bishop.....		5 45
.....	St. John's Parish, Forkl'd; Harrison		7 35
.....	St. Paul's Parish, Carlowville; the Bishop.....		20 90
.....	Grace Church Parish, Dallas; the Bishop.....		7 75
–Ap'l '83..	Church of the Advent Parish, Birmingham; Beard.....		52 40
" ..	Christ Church, Mobile.....	69 03	
	" " " Wm. Brown..		5 00
83.....	" " S. S., Mobile.....	136 68—	205 71
.....	Trinity Church Parish, Mobile.....	115 15	
.....	Miss. serv'e at Trinity Ch., Johnston	34 10—	149 25
April....	Church of the Nativity Parish, Huntsville; Banister.....		153 10
			$1,300 07
.....	To balance in bank.....	$172 12	
	St. John's, Montgomery; for Missionary collections.....		430 00
			$1,730 07

CR.

1882.		By Bishop's Draft for—	*Voucher No.*	
April	10—	Rev. F. B. Lee	1	$ 40 00
"	27—	" S. McQueen	2	50 00
May	6—	" J. C. Taylor	3	89 70
"	8—	" DeB. Waddell	4	75 00
"	9—	" B. F. Mower	5	75 00
"	15—	" J. F. Smith	6	40 00
July	11—	" DeB. Waddell	7	75 00
"	28—	" S. McQueen	8	50 00
Aug.	11—	Mission Tracts	9	10 00
Sept.	16—	Rev. J. C. Taylor	10	43 50
"	30—	" J. F. Smith	11	50 00
"	30—	" DeB. Waddell	12	75 00
Oct.	6—	" J. C. Taylor	13	16 00
Nov.	9—	" F. B. Lee	14	50 00
"	23—	" " "	15	28 65
1883.				
Jan.	2—	Prayer Books	16	10 10
"	3—	Rev. B. F. Mower	17	50 00
"	4—	" DeB. Waddell	18	75 00
"	16—	" G. R. Upton	19	50 00
Feb.	14—	Mission Books and Tracts	20	25 00
April	9—	Rev. DeB. Waddell	21	50 00
"	9—	" J. F. Smith	22	50 00
"	17—	North Alabama Missions	23	50 00
May	1—	Cash at Credit this day		172 12
				$1,300 07
May	4—	Cash to Missionary, St. John's, Montgomery, by order of the Bishop		430 00
				$1,730 07

ROBERT MIDDLETON,
PER HENRY A. LOWE.

APPENDIX H.

Report of the Registrar.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., May 30, 1883.

To the Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D., President of the Convention:

DEAR SIR—I beg leave to render this, my Annual Report, as Registrar of this Diocese.

I received at the last Convention, from a number of Priests, sketches or histories of their respective parishes.

These papers were turned over to Mr. D. F. McCall, Diocesan Printer, by me, under a resolution adopted by said Convention, and as they have not been returned I am unable to report them in detail.

In addition to these, I have received the following papers during the past year:

1. Deeds of church lots at Jacksonville, Ala.; also, Sentence of Consecration of St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.

2. Certificate of Incorporation of Trustees of St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.

3. Two old deeds, which go with the deed to the lot of St. Mark's Church, Troy.

My experience in this office leads me to suggest that the same be consolidated with that of the Secretary, as the duties are so light, and all information or papers I have been called upon for I have had to refer to the Secretary for his consideration and action.

I also observe that several of the Dioceses have the two combined, and I doubt not you will find it to work very satisfactorily.

Respectfully submitted,

T. GARDNER FOSTER, Registrar.

APPENDIX I.

The General Convention.

GRACE CHURCH RECTORY,
MEDFORD, MASS., March 30, 1883.

To the Secretary of the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama:

SIR—In compliance with the requirements of Article 8 of the Constitution, I would hereby officially make known, through you, to the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, the following proposed changes in the Book of Common Prayer of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, adopted by the General Convention of 1880, and to be finally acted upon by the General Convention of 1883, to-wit:

It was, by concurrent action (*Vide* Journal of the Convention, pp. 156, 157, 159, 161, 162, 181, 182, 185, 187, 188, 225, 251, 263, 273, 291, 292, 299, 300, 303, 316) of the two Houses of the General Convention of 1880,—

Resolved, That the Ratification of the Book of Common Prayer be amended so as to read as follows, and that such proposed amendment be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, in order that it may be adopted in the next General Convention, according to Article 8 of the Constitution:

The Ratification of the Book of Common Prayer—By the Bishops, the Clergy, and the Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in General Convention assembled.

The General Convention of this Church having heretofore—to-wit, on the sixteenth day of October, A. D. 1789—set forth and established a Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, and thereby established the said book and declared it to be the Liturgy of this Church, and required that it be received as such by all the members of the same, and be in use from and after the first day of October, A. D. 1790; the same book is hereby ratified and confirmed, and ordered to be the use of this Church from this time forth.

But note, however, that on days other than Sunday, Christmas Day, the Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and Ascension Day, it shall suffice if the Minister begin Morning or Evening Prayer at the General Confession or the Lord's Prayer, preceded by one or more of the Sentences appointed at the beginning of Morning and Evening Prayer, and end after the Collect for Grace, or the Collect for Aid against Perils, with 2 Cor. xiii. 14, using so much of the Lessons appointed for the day, and so much of the Psalter, as he shall judge for edification.

And note, also, that on any day when Morning and Evening Prayer shall have been duly said, or are to be said, and upon days other than those first aforementioned, it shall suffice, when need may require, if a Sermon or Lecture be preceded by at least the Lord's Prayer and one or more Collects found in this book. *Provided*, that no prayers not set forth in said book, or otherwise authorized by this Church, shall be used before or after such Sermon or Lecture.

And note further, also, that on any day the Morning Prayer, the Litany, or the Order for the Administration of the Lord's Supper may be used as a separate and independent service, provided that no one of these services shall be disused habitually.

In testimony whereof, I have this day hereunto affixed my name.

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS,
Secretary of the House of Deputies.

APPENDIX J.

Proceedings of the Society for Relief of Disabled Clergymen, and of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

TUSKALOOSA, May 3, 1883.

The Society was called to order in Centennial Hall, at 4½ o'clock P. M. There were present the Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D.; Rev. Messrs. Banister (D. D.), Barnwell, Beard, Cobbs (D. D.), Everhart (D. D.), Harrison (D. D.), Johnston, Lee, Mower, Perdue, J. F. Smith, Stickney, J. H. Stringfellow, Tucker (D. D.), Upton, Waddell, and Messrs. R. M. Nelson, James Bond and C. E. Waller.

The following Report was presented and read:

The Executive Committee of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, and of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, was called together by the President, April 29th, 1882.

They instructed the Treasurer to lend the Vestry of St. John's Parish, Montgomery, the sum of $3,700, if such arrangements as he approved could be made.

They also instructed him to invest any funds of the Society remaining in his hands in Georgia Bonds.

And still further instructed him to send Mrs. Ticknor the sum of fifty dollars.

R. H. COBBS,
Secretary.

The Treasurer presented the following Report:

R. M. NELSON, Treasurer, in account with
The Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, and of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.
Year ending April 30th, 1883.

1882.	DR.		
April 30	—To balance on hand, see Journal 1882, p. 65...		$6,658 57
"	Proceeds of $3,300 Confederate Bonds, at $5..$	16 50	
April 29	—Cash from Rev. A. I. Drysdale, am't due '81–'82	10 00	
"	" " H. A. Tayloe, " "	10 00	
"	" " R. M. Nelson, " "	10 00	
"	" " H. C. Hart, " 1882..	5 00	
Aug. 2	—Rev. R. H. Cobbs— Collection St. Andrew's Church, Macon.....	5 60	
Dec. 6	— " " " " "	10 00	
Dec. 6	— " St. Paul's Church, Greensboro....	17 00	
Nov. 8	—Rev. S. U. Smith— Collection St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.....	7 95	
Nov. 8	— " St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene	2 05	
Dec. 6	—Rev. Wallace Carnahan— Collection Grace Church, Anniston.....	6 00	

1883.			
Feb. 23—Rev. John A. Harrison, D. D.— Collection Trinity Church, Demopolis.....	15 70		
April 30—Interest collected on Alabama Bonds.....	195 00		
" " " " Georgia Bonds.....	210 00		
" " " " various demand loans....	160 00		
		680 80	
		$7,339 37	

1882. CR.

April 30—By Cash to Rev. B. F. Mower, Journal, page 68 (1)..	$ 10 00
" " to Mrs. J. H. Ticknor.....(2)..	50 00
May 31— " to John C. Graham & Co., New York, for three Georgia 7 per cent. Bonds, $1,000 each.....(3)..	3,292 50
May 31—By Cash for Expressage on same.....	8 25
Dec. 24— " T. B. Roy, for $500 Ala. 6 per cent. Bond..(5)..	535 00
1883.	
Feb. 10—By Cash paid Commercial Bank, for Alabama (Class A) Bond for $1,000, No. 4844.....	855 00
	$4,739 75
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	$2,608 42

INVESTMENTS.

Seven Alabama Class A Bonds—No. 1, 70; No. 2, 71; No. 3, 72; No. 4, 4210; No. 5, 4211; No. 6, 4656; No. 7, 4844—$1,000 each.....	$ 7,000 00
One Alabama 6 per cent. Bond, No. 733, of $500.....	500 00
Three State of Georgia 7 per cent. (Western and Atlantic First Mortgage) Bonds of $1,000 each, Nos. 479, 1022, 1235.....	3,000 00
	$10,500 00

On motion, this Report was received and referred to a committee, consisting of the President, the Rev. J. S. Johnston and Mr. Bond.

This committee reported the account to be correct, and such report was received and concurred in.

Rev. R. H. Cobbs was elected Secretary of the Society.

Mr. R. M. Nelson was elected Treasurer.

Rev. R. W. Barnwell and Mr. C. E. Waller were elected members of the Executive Committee.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the claims of all life members under Article VII of the Constitution be referred to the Executive Committee, with instructions to report whether any claims exist, and who are the life members or beneficiaries; and with power to agree upon any equitable settlement of any and all such claims, subject to the approval of the Society at its next annual meeting.

On motion, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

RICH'D H. WILMER, President *Ex Officio*.

R. H. COBBS, Secretary.

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MAY 7TH, 8TH, 9TH AND 10TH,

A. D. 1884.

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List of the Clergy Canonically Connected with the Diocese of Alabama.

MAY 7, 1884.

	Postoffice.
RT. REV. RICHARD HOOKER WILMER, D.D. L.L.D., Bishop	Mobile.
REV. J. M. BANISTER, D.D., Church of the Nativity	Huntsville.
" ROBERT W. BARNWELL, St. Paul's Church	Selma.
" THOMAS J. BEARD, Church of the Advent	Birmingham.
" WALLACE CARNAHAN, Grace Church	Anniston.
" R. H. COBBS, D.D., St. Paul's Church	Greensboro.
" THOMAS A. COOK	
" GEO. M. EVERHART, D.D., Rector of Hamner Hall	Montgomery.
" JOHN A. HARRISON, D.D., Trinity Church	Demopolis.
" D. F. HOKE, (Deacon)	
" GEORGE H. HUNT	
" JAMES L. JOHNSTON, Trinity Church	Mobile.
" F. B. LEE, St. Paul's Church	Carlowville.
" STEWART McQUEEN, St. Wilfrid's Church	Marion.
" B. F. MOWER, Trinity Church	Florence.
" W. J. PERDUE	Gadsden.
" HENRY K. REES, St. John's Church	Mobile.
" S. U. SMITH, St. Stephen's Church	Eutaw.
" J. F. SMITH, St. Luke's Church	Jacksonville.
" W. A. STICKNEY, Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	Faunsdale.
" HORRACE STRINGFELLOW, D.D., St. John's Church	Montgomery.
" JAMES H. STRINGFELLOW, Christ Church	Tuscaloosa.
" JESSE C. TAYLOR, St. Mark's Church	Prattville.
" JOSEPH L. TUCKER, D.D., Christ Church	Mobile.
" GEORGE R. UPTON, St. Thomas' Church	Greenville.

~~VACANT PARISHES AND CHURCHES~~.

" J. A. VAN HOOSE, (Deacon), Assisting Church	Birmingham.
" DEB. WADDELL, Trinity Parish	Union Spr'gs.

List of Parishes and Mission Points in the Diocese of Alabama.

Alabama Furnace Mission—Supplied by occasional services of Rev. J. F. Smith.

Athens, St. Timothy Church—Occasional services of Rev. J. A. Van Hoose.

Anniston, Grace Church—Rector, W. Carnahan.

Auburn (no church building)—Services once a month by Rev. G. M. Everhart., D.D.

Autaugaville, St. Matthew's—In charge of Rev. J. C. Taylor.

Bon Secour (no building)—Occasionally visited by clergy from Mobile.

Birmingham, Church of the Advent—Rector, T. J. Beard.

Boligee, St. Mark's—In charge of Rev. S. U. Smith.

Brown's Station (no building)—Supplied regularly by Rev. W. A. Stickney.

Camden, St. Mary's Church—Supplied occasionally by Selma Convocasion.

Carlowville, St. Paul's Church—Rev. F. B. Lee.

Clayton, Grace Church—At present vacant.

Claiborne (no building)—Visited at long intervals.

Cross Plains, Christ Church—In charge of Rev. J. F. Smith.

Dallas county, Grace Church—Rector, Rev. F. B. Lee.

Dallas county, St. David's Church—Almost extinct by removal of population.

Decatur, St. Paul's Church—Occasional services of Rev. J. A. Van Hoose.

Demopolis, Trinity Church—Rector, Rev. John A. Harrison, D.D.

Elyton, St. John's Church—Absorbed in Birmingham.

Eufaula, St. James' Church—Supplied by Rev. DeB. Waddell.

Eutaw, St. Stephen's Church—Rector, Rev. S. U. Smith.

Evergreen, St. Mary's Church—Rector, Rev. George R. Upton.

Forkland, St. John's Church—Rector, J. A. Harrison, D.D.

Florence, Trinity Church—Rector, Rev. B. F. Mower.

Gainesville, St. Alban's Church—Visited at rare intervals.

Gadsden Mission—Supplied by Tuscaloosa Convocation.

Greensboro, St. Paul's Church—Rector, Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D.D.

Greenville, St. Thomas' Church—Rector, Rev. George R. Upton.

Hayneville, St. Andrew's Church—Visited occasionally by Rev. George R. Upton.

Huntsville, Church of the Nativity—Rector, Rev. J. M. Banister, D.D.

Jacksonville, St. Luke's Church—Rector, Rev. J. F. Smith.

Lowndesboro, St. Paul's Church—Rector, Rev. Jesse C. Taylor.

Livingston, St. James' Church—To be supplied by Tuscaloosa convocation.

Macon, St. Andrew's Church—Rector, Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D.D.
Marion, St. Wilfrid's Church—Rector, Rev. Stewart McQueen.
Marengo county, St. Michael's Church—Vacant.
Montevallo Station—Rector, Rev. J. F. Smith.
Morgan county, Grace Church—Vacant.
Montgomery, St. John's Church—Rector, Rev. H. Stringfellow, D.D.
Mobile, Christ Church—Rector, Rev. J. L. Tucker, D.D.
Mobile, Trinity Church—Rector, Rev. J. S. Johnston.
Mobile, St. John's Church—Rector, Rev. H. K. Rees.
Mobile, Good Shepherd—Under care of Rev. J. L. Tucker, D.D.
Opelika, Emanuel Church—Vacant.
Prattville, St. Mark's Church—Rector, Rev. J. C. Taylor.
Pushmataha—Vacant.
Scale Mission—In charge of Rev. DeB. Waddell.
Selma, St. Paul's Church—Rector, Rev. R. W. Barnwell.
Scottsboro, St. Luke's Church—In charge of Rev. J. M. Banister, D.D.
Spring Hill, St. Paul's Church—Supplied by the Bishop and clergy of Mobile.
Talladega, St. Peter's Church—Rector, Rev. J. F. Smith.
Tuscaloosa, Christ Church—Rector, Rev. J. H. Stringfellow.
Tuscumbia, St. John's Church—Rector, Rev. F. B. Mower.
Troy, St. Mark's Church—Rector, Rev. DeB. Waddell.
Uniontown, Church of the Holy Cross—Rector, Rev. W. A. Stickney.
Union Springs, Trinity Parish—Rector, Rev. DeB. Waddell.
Whistler, St. Paul's Church—Under care of J. S. Johnston.

Deaconesses.

Sister HARRIET	Church	Home,	Mobile
" IRENE	"	"	"
" REBECCA	"	"	"
" ELIZABETH	"	"	"
" SARAH	"	"	"
" BELLE	"	"	"

Candidates for Deacon's Orders.

JOHN HALL, CAMERON A. MORENO, JOHN J. HARRIS,
C. BRECKENRIDGE WILMER, ISAAC McCOY WILLIAMS.

Postulants.

LOUIS L. WILLIAMS.

Lay Readers.

DAVID MINGO, Faunsdale.
W. W. STRINGFELLOW, Montgomery.
ALFRED Y. GIBSON, Forkland.
A. BENNERS, Greensboro.
ED. L. STICKNEY, Greensboro.
CHARLES L. STICKNEY, Greensboro
D. P. HURLAY, Troy.
ISAAC McCOY WILLIAMS, Mobile.
D. F. PROUT, Demopolis.

Examiners.

REV. J. M. BANNISTER, D.D.
" R. H. COBBS, D.D.,
" T. J. BEARD,
" W. A. STICKNEY,
REV. H. STRINGFELLOW, D.D.,
" J. S. JOHNSTON,
" H. K. REES,
" JOHN A. HARRISON, D.D.

Officers of the Convention.

PRESIDENT.

RT. REV. RICHARD HOOKER WILMER, D.D. LL.D.

SECRETARY.

REV. R. H. COBBS, D.D., Greensboro.

TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

MR. WILLIAM BARNEWALL, Mobile.

TREASURER OF THE DIOCESAN MISSIONARY FUND.

MR. ROBERT MIDDLETON, Mobile.

REGISTRAR.

MR. T. GARDNER FOSTER, Montgomery.

CHANCELLOR OF THE DIOCESE.

MR. JAMES BOND, Mobile.

STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE.

REV. J. S. JOHNSTON,
" H. K. REES,
" J. L. TUCKER, D.D.,
MR. JAMES BOND,
" R. S. BUNKER,
" H. T. TOULMIN.

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TREASURER OF THE BISHOP'S FUND.

MR. N. H. R. DAWSON, Selma.

TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

REV. T. J. BEARD, MR. R. F. MICHEL, MR. ELLIS PHELAN.

TREASURER of the UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH FOR ALABAMA.

MR. H. A. LOWE, Mobile.

MISSIONARY BOARD.

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" H. K. REES,
MR. R. E. COXE,
" J. H. FITTS,
" DAVID BUELL,
" C. L. STICKNEY,
" JAMES BOND.

LIST OF DEANS AND CONVOCATIONS AS FURNISHED BY THE BISHOP.

Convocation of Mobile—REV. H. K. REES, Dean.

Convocation of Montgomery—REV. H. STRINGFELLOW, D.D., Dean.

Convocation of Selma—REV. R. H. COBBS, D.D., Dean.

Convocation of Tuscaloosa—REV. T. J. BEARD, Dean.

Convocation of Huntsville—REV. J. M. BANISTER, Dean.

1. Convocation of Mobile—Embraces Mobile county and parts adjacent.

2. Convocation of Montgomery—Embraces counties of Montgomery, Conecuh, Butler, Lowndes, Autauga, Lee, Russell, Pike and Barbour.

3. Convocation of Selma—Embraces counties of Dallas, Perry, Marengo, Hale, Choctaw, Fork of Green (Forkland), Wilcox.

4. Convocation of Tuscaloosa—Embraces counties of Tuscaloosa, Green, Sumter, Jefferson, St. Clair, Shelby, Talladega and Calhoun.

5. Convocation of Huntsville—Embraces counties of Madison, Jackson, Limestone, Morgan, Lawrence, Franklin and Lauderdale.

Journal of Proceedings.

FIRST DAY.

The Fifty-Third Annual Convention of the PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, in the Diocese of Alabama, assembled in St. Paul's Church, Selma, May 7th, 1884.

Morning prayer was said at 11 o'clock A. M., and the sermon was preached by the Rev. H. K. Rees from St. John xx. 21:

"As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rev. W. A. Stickney, assisted by the Rev. R. W. Barnwell, Rector of the Parish.

Immediately after service the Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. President, who presented the following

List of Clergy Entitled to Seats in the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, May 7th, 1884.

RT. REV. R. H. WILMER, D.D., L.L. D.

REV. J. M. BANISTER, D.D.,	REV. R. W BARNWELL,
" T. J. BEARD,	" WALLACE CARNAHAN,
" R. H. COBBS, D.D.,	" GEO. M. EVERHART, D.D.
" JOHN A. HARRISON, D.D.,	" J. S. JOHNSTON,
" F. B. LEE,	" STEWART MCQUEEN,
" B. F. MOWER,	" W. J. PERDUE,
" H. K. REES,	" S. U. SMITH,
" J. F. SMITH,	" W. A. STICKNEY,
" HORACE STRINGFELLLW, D.D.,	" J. H. STRINGFELLOW,
" JESSE C. TAYLOR,	" J. L. TUCKER, D.D.,
" GEORGE R. UPTON,	" J. A. VAN HOOSE,

REV. DEB. WADDELL.

The Secretary of the last Convention called the list as thus presented, and the following answered to their names, viz.:

RT. REV. R. H. WILMER, D.D. LL.D.

REV. R. W. BARNWELL,
" R. H. COBBS, D.D.,
" STEWART MCQUEEN,
" HORACE STRINGFELLOW, D.D.,
" GEORGE R. UPTON,
" J. S. JOHNSTON,
" J. L. TUCKER, D.D.

REV. T. J. BEARD,
" JOHN A. HARRISON, D.D.,
" H. K. REES,
" JESSE C. TAYLOR,
" DEB. WADDELL,
" W. A. STICKNEY,
WALLACE CARNAHAN.

As provided for by Canon, the Treasurer of the Diocese presented the following

List of Parishes Entitled to Representation in this Convention.

Christ Church, Mobile.
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro
St. James' Church, Livingston.
St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.
St Stephen's Church, Eutaw.
St. Michael's Church, Marengo Co.
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.
Church of the Advent, Birmingham
Grace Church, Anniston.
St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station.
St. Alban's Church, Brown's Station.
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.
Trinity Church, Demopolis.
St. John's Church, Montgomery.
St. Paul's Church, Selma.
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.
Trinity Church, Mobile,
St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene.
St. John's Church, Mobile.
St. Thomas' Church, Greenville.
St. Peter's Church, Talladega.
St. John's Church, Forkland.
Cross Plains' Mission.
Jenifer Mission.

The list of Parishes so entitled was then called and credentials of Lay Deputies were presented and referred to a committee consisting of Rev. J. S. JOHNSTON, Rev. T. J. BEARD, and Rev. STEWART MCQUEEN. This committee reported the following

Lay Delegates Entitled to Seats.

Christ Church, Mobile.

R. S. Runker, Wm. Barnewall,
W. H. Ross, T. S. Fry, H. A. Lowe.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro.

C. L. Stickney, R. H. Stickney,
V. G. Snedecor, C. E. Waller, A. Benners.

Trinity Church, Demopolis.

F. G. Lyon, Norman Winn, George Michael.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Joel White, T. G. Foster.
R. F. Michel, J. L. Cobbs, J. N. Gilmer

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.

R. H. Evins, E. B. Thompson,
James Gregory, S. L. Niolan, T. J. Walthall.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.

N. H. R. Dawson, F. Boykin, Jr.
William Berg, R. M. Nelson, E. P. Galt.

Trinity Church, Mobile.

H. T. Toulmin, F. J. McCoy, O. F. Cawthorn, L. A. George.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo County.

M. J. Miller, R. N. Hains.

St. John's Church, Mobile.

James Bond, Henry Tonsmiere.
P. C. Candidus, L. W. Hammond, Herbert Jones.

St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.

George C. Morgan, A. McCollister.

St. Thomas' Church, Greenville.

David Buell, Edward Crenshaw, A. W. Metcalf.

Church of the Advent, Birmingham.

Thomas Cobbs J. H. Slaton,
J. N. Earle, G. R. Ward. H. J. Winn.

St. Peter's Church, Talladega.

Otis Nickles, J. H. Willman.

St. John's Church, Forkland.

J. S. Brassfield, W. N. Glover, Milton Brassfield.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station.

W. P. Bocock, R. H. Dugger,
H. A. Taylor, W. W. Dugger, C. A. Smith.

Cross Plains Mission.

J. F. Daily.

St. Alban's Church, Brown's Station.

Thomas H. Lewis, C. R. Gwin.

Jenifer Mission Station.

S. S. Noble.

Their names being called, the following were found to be present, viz.:

Mr. R. S. Bunker,	Mr. W. H. Ross,	Mr. T. S. Fry,
" Wm. Barnewall,	" C. L. Stickney,	" C. E. Waller,
" Norman Winn,	" George Michael,	" R. F. Michel,
" J. N. Gilmer,	" R. H. Evins,	" N. H. R. Dawson,
" William Berg,	" R. M. Nelson,	" F. Boykin, Jr.,
" E. P. Galt,	" H. T. Toulmin,	" A. McCollister,
" David Buell,	" Edward Crenshaw,	" Otis Nickles,
" J. S. Brassfield,	" W. N. Glover,	" W. P. Bocock,
" T. H. Lewis,	" C. R. Gwin,	" M. J. Miller,
	" A. W. Metcalf.	

A quorum being present, the Convention was declared to be duly organized.

Rev. R. H. COBBS was nominated and elected Secretary.

On motion, the Rules of Order of the last Convention were adopted for the government of this Convention.

On motion, it was resolved that the sessions of this Convention shall be held daily from 9½ o'clock A. M. to 3 o'clock P. M.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 9½ o'clock A. M. Thursday.

SECOND DAY.

SELMA, ALA., May 8, 1884.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After prayers, the roll was called and a quorum was found to be present. Rev. S. U. SMITH, Rev. J. F. SMITH, Rev. J. H. STRINGFELLOW, Rev. F. B. LEE and Rev. GEO. M. EVERHART, D. D., and Messrs. T. G. FOSTER, V. G. SNEDECOR, J. N. EARLE, J. F. DAILY, H. A. TAYLOE, W. W. DUGGER, R. H. DUGGER, C. A. SMITH, appeared and took their seats. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Certificates of election were presented from Christ Church, Tuskaloosa; St. Paul's Church, Carlowville; Church of The Holy Cross, Uniontown, and St. Luke's Church, Scottsboro, and declared by the committee to be in due form. Mr. JOHN SNOW, from Christ Church, Tuskaloosa; Mr. J. W. BUSH, from Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown; and Messrs. W. A. BIBB and J. D. ALISON, Jr., from St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, appeared and took their seats.

The following Standing Committees were announced by the President:

Committee on the State of the Church.—Rev. T. J. Beard, Rev. George M. Everhart, D. D., Rev. John A. Harrison, D. D., Rev. R. W. Barnwell, Rev. J. H. Stringfellow; and Messrs. R. S. Bunker, William Berg, V. G. Snedecor, J. N. Gilmer.

Committee on Canons.—Rev. H. Stringfellow, D. D., Rev. J. S. Johnston, Rev. W. Carnahan, Rev. G. R. Upton; and Messrs. James Bond, N. H. R. Dawson, R. F. Michel, D. Buell, A. Benners.

Committee on Finance.—Messrs. R. M. Nelson, W. H. Ross, C. L. Stickney, H. T. Toulmin, J. Snow, W. N. Glover, George Michael, T. G. Foster, A. McCollister, W. A. Bibb; and Rev. W. A. Stickney, Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D., and Rev. Stewart McQueen.

The Annual Communication from the Standing Committee was postponed.

The statistical portion of the Bishop's Address was then read, and, on motion, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church; the reading of the other portion being made the order for the day at 12 o'clock.

On motion, the Rule of Order was suspended and the reading of Parochial Reports was dispensed with, and said Reports were presented and referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Convention then proceeded to vote, by ballot, for the Standing Committee of the Diocese, Rev. STEWART MCQUEEN and Mr. T. G. FOSTER being appointed Tellers. The balloting resulted in the election of Rev. J. S. JOHNSTON, Rev. H. K. REES, Rev. J. L. TUCKER, D. D., Mr. JAMES BOND, Mr. R. S. BUNKER, Mr. H. T. TOULMIN.

On motion, the election of delegates to the General Convention was postponed till the next Convention.

A communication from Mr. JAMES BOND, Chancellor of the Diocese, was presented and read, and referred to the Committee on Canons.

A communication from the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies was received, and referred to the same Committee.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the next session of this Convention be held in Grace Church, Anniston, beginning the first Wednesday in May, 1885.

The Reports of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, the Trustees and Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund, and the Treasurer of the Diocese were presented, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. WILLIAM BARNEWALL was nominated and elected Treasurer of the Diocese.

Mr. ROBERT MIDDLETON was nominated and elected Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

The Convention then voted by ballot for Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, Rev. J. C. TAYLOR and Mr. E. P. GALT being appointed Tellers. The balloting resulted in the election of N. H. R. DAWSON, JOSIAH MORRIS, DAVID BUELL; Mr. DAWSON being designated as Treasurer.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to prepare for publication the Historical Sketches of the various Parishes, presented two years ago, and submit the same to the next Convention.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Registrar of this Diocese be, and he is hereby authorized and instructed, with the consent of the Bishop, to procure sufficient room in the Safe Deposit Company of Montgomery for the purpose of keeping securely all important papers in his possession; and that the Treasurer of the Diocese be, and is hereby authorized to pay, the orde of the Bishop to meet the expense of the same.

The hour of 12 having arrived, the order of the day was taken up, and the concluding portion of the Bishop's Address was read.

On motion, the portion relating to Missionary Work was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. J. L. TUCKER, D.D., Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, D.D., Rev. J. C. TAYLOR, Rev. H. K. REES, and Messrs. N. H. R. DAWSON, D. BUELL and C. E. WALLER.

Rev. Dr. EVERHART presented a report in regard to Hamner Hall, which, on motion, was referred to to a committee consisting of Rev. R. W. CARNAHAN, Mr. C. L. STICKNEY and Mr. D. BUELL.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 9½ o'clock A. M. Friday.

THIRD DAY.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After prayers the roll was called and a quorum was found to be present, and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Mr. F. G. LYON appeared and took his seat.

The Convention then proceeded to vote, by ballot, for Trustees of the University of the South, Rev. J. H. STRINGFELLOW and Mr. C. E. WALLER being appointed tellers. The balloting resulted in the election of Rev. T. J. BEARD, Mr. R. F. MICHEL and Mr. ELLIS PHELAN.

The following reports were presented:

The Committee on Canons respectfully report that they have considered the communication from Mr. James Bond, Chancellor of the Diocese, and recommend that a portion of the first of the resolutions offered by him be adopted, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to examine the act incorporating the Diocese of Alabama, and also the provisions of the Code of Alabama authorizing the incorporation of Parishes, and to report to the next Convention what amendments, if any, be needed to secure the due care of Church property and the administration of trusts, whether Diocesan or Parochial, and whether of strictly ecclesiastial or eleemosynary, educational or benevolent in their character."

Your Committee deem it inexpedient for the Convention to adopt the other recommendations of the Chancellor.

H. STRINGFELLOW, Chairman.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution was adopted.

The following committee was appointed: N. H. R. DAWSON, STEPHENS CROOM, A. BENNERS, H. T. TOULMIN, P. T. SAYRE.

The Committee on Canons have considered the circular of the Secretary of the House of Deputies of the General Convention, communicating to their Conventions this action of the General Convention, by which Articles 2d, 3d, 4th of the Constitution of the General Convention were altered, and your Committee recommend that this Diocese approve of said alterations. H. STRINGFELLOW, Chairman.

On motion, the report was received and concurred in.

The following report was received, and, on motion, was concurred in:

The Committee on the Hamner Hall property respectfully report:

That they have examined the accounts and the vouchers of the Rev. Dr. Everhart, lessee, and find that the same satisfactorily account for the rent, $560, after the balance mentioned below shall have been paid.

Three hundred dollars was paid to the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, and 174\frac{73}{100}$ was expended in necessary repairs, leaving 85\frac{27}{100}$ due 1st of June, 1884. WALLACE CARNAHAN, Chairman.

The following resolution was presented as the report of the Special Committee to whom was referred the portion of the Bishop's Address relating to missions:

Resolved, That there shall be a Diocesan Board of Missions, who shall have in charge the missionary work of the Diocese. The Bishop shall be President, and the members of the Board shall be the Deans of Convocations, and one layman from each Convocation, to be elected annually by Convention.

The Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund shall be the Treasurer of the Board.

On motion, this resolution was adopted.

Mr. J. H. FITTS, Mr. R. E. COXE, Mr. JAMES BOND, Mr. C. L. STICKNEY, Mr. D. BUELL were elected by the Convention members of this Board.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a majority of Deans and two Lay members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

The following resolution was presented, and, on motion, was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That this Convention most deeply regret the absence of the Bishop from the chair, and sincerely sympathize with him in his present indisposition, and hopes for his early recovery.

The following resolution was, on motion, adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the delegates to this Convention, Clerical and Lay, tender their thanks to the Rector and Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Selma, and to the good people of this Parish, who have so hospitably entertained the members of this Convention.

The following were presented and read:

The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined and audited the accounts of Robert Middleton, Treasurer of the Diocesan

Missionary Fund, and find them correct, all items of debit and credit being sustained by proper vouchers.

Including the balance on hand at the last Convention, the Treasurer has received	$1,844 77
And has expended	1,569 05
Leaving a balance in his hands of	$ 275 72

The Committee also report that they have examined and audited the report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, and the account of the Treasurer of same, and find

That the Treasurer has received since last Convention	$792 00
And that he has properly expended	792 00

Leaving no balance on hand.

The Treasurer's report shows the securities on hand, all of which were examined and verified by your Committee.

The Committee find that the net income to the Bishop's Fund from the Hamner Hall property since 1878 is less than $50, and think it desirable that the property be made to yield, if possible, a larger amount to the Fund.

They recommend that no change be made in the other properties belonging to the Fund.

The Committee further report that they have examined and audited the accounts of William Barnewall, Treasurer of the Diocese, and find them correct.

Including the balance on hand at the last Convention, the Treasurer has received the sum of	$4,854 73
And has disbursed	4,523 31
Leaving in his hands a balance of	$ 331 42

It is gratifying to the Committee to report that this balance remains after the disch rge of every obligation of the Convention.

The following are the

ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS FOR 1884–5:

Bishop's salary	$4,000 00
Premium on life insurance policy of Bishop of	122 50
Secretary of the Convention	100 00
Treasurer of the Convention	50 00
Expences of the Convention	15 00
Printing Journal	122 50
Total	$4,410 00

ESTIMATED RESOURCES FOR 1884–5.

Due from delinquent Parishes (Exhibit A attached) estimated to be good for	$ 200 00
Approximate interest from Bishop's Fund	700 00
Assessments for 1884–5 (Exhibit B attached)	3,864 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer	331 42
Total	$5,095 42

EXHIBIT A.

PARISHES IN ARREARS.

Gadsden Mission, '81–'82, '83–'84	$ 20 00
St. Andrews, Hayneville, '83–'84	20 00
St. Albans, Gainesville, '81–'82, '82–'83, '83–'84	30 00
St. David's, Dallas county, '82–'83, '83–'84	20 00
St. James, Eufaula, '83–'84	110 00
St. Luke's, Cahaba, '83–'84	20 00
St. Matthews, Prattville, '83–'84	13 00
St. Matthews, Autaugaville, four years	70 00
St. Paul's, Lowndesboro, '83–'84	35 00
St. Paul's, Spring Hill, three years	70 00
Total	$408 00

The Committee recommend that the following arrears be remitted, viz.:

Gadsden Mission, 1881-2, 1882–3	$ 20 00
St. Albans, Gainesville	30 00
St. David's, Dallas county, 1882–3, 1883–4	20 00
St. Matthew's, Autaugaville, 1880–1, 1881–2, 1882–3, 1883–4	70 00
St. Paul's, Spring Hill, 1881–2, 1882–3, 1883–4	70 00
Total	$210 00

EXHIBIT B.

ASSESSMENTS ON PARISHES AND MISSIONS FOR 1884–5.

Christ Church, Mobile	$ 625 00
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa	150 00
Church of the Advent, Birmingham	150 00
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	50 00
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville	320 00
Christ Church, Cross Plains	10 00
Emanuel Church, Opelika	10 00
Gadsden Mission	10 00
Grace Church, Anniston	100 00
Grace Church, Clayton	20 00
Grace Church, Dallas	10 00
Montevallo Mission	10 00
St. Albans Church, Gainesville	5 00
St. Andrews Church, Hayneville	10 00
St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station	45 00
St. David's Church, Dallas	5 00
St. James' Church, Eufaula	110 00
St. James' Church, Livingston	40 00
St. John's Church, Forkland	20 00
St. John's Church, Mobile	125 00
St. John's Church, Montgomery	650 00
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia	15 00
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville	20 00
St. Luke's Church, Scottsboro	15 00
St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene	15 00
St. Mark's Church, Prattville	15 00
St. Mark's Church, Troy	20 00
St. Mary's Church, Camden	5 00
St. Mary's Church, Evergreen	10 00
St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville	5 00
St. Michael's Church, Marengo	55 00

St. Paul's Church, Carlowville	25 00
St. Paul's Church, Decatur	25 00
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro	150 00
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro	35 00
St. Paul's Church, Selma	350 00
St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill	5 00
St. Paul's Church, Whistler	5 00
St. Peter's Church, Talladega	20 00
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw	50 00
St. Thomas' Church, Greenville	40 00
St. Timothy's Church, Athens	18 00
St. Wilfred's Church, Marion	45 00
Trinity Church, Demopolis	100 00
Trinity Church, Florence	15 00
Trinity Church, Mobile	300 00
Trinity Church, Union Springs	13 00
St. Alban's Church, Brown's Station	10 00
Jenifer Mission	10 00
Total	$3,864 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. M. NELSON, Chairman.

W. H. Ross, W. U. Glover, W. A. Bibb,
Charles L. Stickney, J. S. Tucker, T. G. Foster,
John Snow, W. A Sstickney, A. McCollister.
George Michael, H. T Toulmin,

On motion, this report was received and concurred in.

The Convention then, on motion, adjourned till 9½ o'clock A. M. Saturday.

FOURTH DAY.

Selma, May 10th, 9½ A. M., 1884.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After prayers the roll was called and a quorum was found to be present, and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Committee on the State of the Church presented the following report, which, on motion, was received:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to report, that a careful examination of the papers referred to them gives a very hopeful view of the condition and prospects of the Church in this Diocese.

There has been some advance along the whole line—an increase in almost every item of work reported, namely: 268 increase in the number of communicants, 17 in the number of Baptisms; a decrease of only two in the number of confirmations; an increase of over $47,000 in offerings, and of 108 in the number of Sunday-school teachers and scholars. There

has been an increase, too, in offerings for Diocesan Missions, and there is cause for thankfulness in the healthful condition of the Diocesan treasury. We can but note with much concern the unceasing labors of our beloved Bishop under continued suffering from bodily infirmities and sickness, and pray for such speedy restoration of his health as shall make his apostolic work as free from pain to himself as it has been grateful and frought with good to the Church. We have evidence, too, that the Clergy have followed their leader at no long interval, if not in the physical difficulties of the work, at least in the zeal and earnestness with which they have met it. Amidst many difficulties and discouragements from the fewness of the laborers and of those seeking to become laborers in the vineyard, and a slowness of growth unsatisfying to sager faith, we see many signs of quickened life. The continued healthful life, spiritual and financial, of the two Church homes for orphans; the marked success in the city of Mobile, of the first real effort in behalf of the colored people; the steady growth in the esteem and appreciation of Clergy and Laity of that admirable institution for the education of our daughters—Hamner Hall; the growth of the Church in the rapidly developing portions of the State; the liberality of at least one Parish in providing for the Church's work by gifts of land; the interest manifested in this Convention to devise some effective method for developing and rightly directing the missionary spirit of the Church to its more rapid extension. All these are signs of life, and inspire hope for the future. May the first fruits in the colored work be the earnest of large harvests in this field; may the liberal gifts of men of means and enterprise be the first fall of the rain drops to the coming shower. May no ideas of false economy lead to the weakening or destruction of the only Church school in the Diocese; and may our beloved Bishop be spared for many years to guide and comfort and confirm the churches. THOMAS J. BEARD, *Chairman.*

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary have printed 500 copies of the Journal of this Convention.

On motion, it was

Resolved That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the relation of the Church to the colored people be printed in pamphlet form to the extent of 500 copies for distribution.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That in view of the Bishop's present physical infirmities, he be requested and urged to desist from all Episcopal labor, and to take absolute rest until the 1st of October.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until 12 o'clock.

The Convention reasssembled at 12 o'clock.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Convention, upon motion, adjourned *sine die.*

RICHARD H. WILMER,
President Ex-Officio.

R. H. COBBS, *Secretary.*

[APPENDIX A.]

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

—TO THE—

Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, May, 1884.

Dearly Beloved Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:—I lay before you the following account of my labors during the last conventional year, just closed.

On May 2nd, 1883, I met the Annual Convention of the Diocese in Christ Church, Tuskaloosa. After the Convention Sermon, by Rev. George M. Everhart, D. D., I celebrated Holy Communion. After service, organized the Convention.

May 3rd—(Ascension Day.)—At Early Morning Service, celebrated Holy Communion. At Midday Service, consecrated the new church building by the name of Christ Church; Sermon by Rev. I. L. Tucker, D. D. I also delivered an Address to the congregation. The new building, erected upon the site of the former, and composed in part of the old walls, was planned by Rev. Dr. Stringfellow, of Montgomery, and is in all respects creditable to the taste of the planner, and to the zeal and liberality of the Rector and congregation. It is most gratifying to note the growth and improvement of this church, one of the oldest Parishes in the Diocese.

The remainder of the week was spent in attendance upon the Sessions of the Convention.

May 6th—(Sunday after Ascension Day.)—Participated in divine Service at Christ Church, Tuskaloosa. At this Service, Rev. James H. Stringfellow was instituted Rector of the Church; Rev. Dr. Stringfellow, father of the instituted Rector, acting as instituting minister and preaching the Sermon.

At Evening Service, I preached at same church, and held the closing Services of the Convention.

May 9th.—I officiated at a funeral service at Spring Hill.

May 11th.—I issued appointments for an extended visitation, but was prevented by sickness from fulfilling them.

May 13th—(Whitsunday.)—Participated in Services at Christ Church, Mobile. In the Afternoon, preached to the congregation of the "Good

Shepherd;" and at Night, held a Missionary Meeting for all the congregations of the city at Christ Church, Mobile, and united with the Clergy in making Missionary Addresses.

May 14th—(Monday in Whitsun Week.)—I confirmed a person at Christ Church, Mobile.

May 16th.—Licensed H. T. Toulmin Lay Reader.

Received as Postulent, J. J. Harris, of Tuscaloosa.

Received Testimonials from the Standing Committee recommending J. J. Harris to be received as a candidate for Deacon's Orders.

May 20th—(Trinity Sunday.)—Officiated at St. John's Church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion.

May 21st.—Celebrated Holy Communion with a sick person in private.

May 23rd.—Confirmed a person at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

May 26th.—United in a funeral service at Christ Church, Mobile.

May 27th—(1st Sunday after Trinity.)—Held Service at Spring Hill.

June 3rd—(2nd Sunday after Trinity.)—Held Service at Spring Hill.

June 6th.—Confirmed two persons at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

Married a couple (the parties just confirmed) at same church.

June 10th—(3rd Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile.

June 17th—(4th Sunday after Trinity.)—Held Service at Spring Hill.

June 24th—(5th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached to congregation of the Church of "The Good Shepherd," and confirmed one person. At this Service, I formally licensed Isaac McCoy Williams, one of the congregation, Lay Reader, with license to exhort.

July 1st—(6th Sunday after Trinity.)—Held Service at Spring Hill.

July 8th—(7th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at Mississippi City, and celebrated Holy Communion.

July 9th.—Baptized an infant at same place.

July 15th—(8th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

July 22nd—(9th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

July 26th.—Attended the Conference which had been called at Sewanee, to consider the relation of the church to the colored population. This Assembly of Clergy and Laity from the Southern Dioceses considered the important subject before them in all its bearings. I shall have occasion to refer to this Conference again in the latter part of this Address.

July 28th.—Met the Trustees of the University of the South at their Annual Session at Sewanee, and spent a week in daily attendance upon the Sessions of the Board.

August 5th—(11th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Chattanooga.

August 12th—(12th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at Capon Springs, West Virginia.

August 19th—(13th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at same place.

August 26th.—Celebrated Holy Communion at same place.

September 9th—(15th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at Grace Church, Berryville, Va., this and several succeeding Sundays. Forty years ago, I had charge of the church in this place. Many changes, of course, had taken place. Most of the old population had passed away. It afforded me a melancholy pleasure to preach in my old church once again, to the children and grandchildren of my old parishioners.

September 30th—(18th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at Christ Church, Charlottesville.

October 3rd.—Attended the opening services of the General Convention at Christ Church, Philadelphia.

October 8th.—Delivered an Address to the Board of Missions by request of the Managers.

I continued in attendance upon the Sessions of this Body for some ten days, when domestic duties summoned me home. On my way home, I was enabled to fulfil an engagement to consecrate a church in the Diocese of Maryland, having been invited thereto by the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Maryland.

October 14th—(21st Sunday after Trinity.)—I consecrated the "Memorial Chapel" at Charlotte Hall, Maryland. This chapel had been built under the provisions of a will of Henry Hatch Dent, a class-mate of mine at college for four years. It was built as a Memorial of the faith of himself and his ancestors. A fitting Memorial it is. In its simple beauty and massiveness, it represents the character of the man whose piety inspired its erection. It was consecrated amid prayers and tears. Long may it stand to bless the people who gather within its walls.

October 21st—(22nd Sunday after Trinity.)—Held Service at Spring Hill.

October 28th—(23rd Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile.

November 4th—(24th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile.

November 7th.—Preached at St. Peter's Church, Talladega. Here I met with the Convocation of Tuskaloosa (Rev. T. J. Beard, Dean.) This Convocation seems to be alive to Missionary duty within its bounds, and is doing good, both to the Clergy and Laity.

November 8th.—I preached again at same church, and confirmed three persons.

November 9th.—I preached at Alabama Furnace—a Mission in the care of Rev. J. F. Smith—and confirmed two persons.

November 11th—(25th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at Anniston, and confirmed nine persons. In Afternoon, confirmed a sick person in private; and at Night Service, preached again, and confirmed two persons.

November 13th.—Preached at St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville, and confirmed four persons.

November 14th.—Preached at Cross Plains, and consecrated a new church, under the name of Christ Church, Cross Plains. Sermon by myself. I also confirmed one person. This church is one of the several churches built up under the ministrations of Rev. J. F. Smith, who never seems to tire in his labor of love. The congregation is at present small, but full of zeal and liberality.

November 15th.—While en route for the Eastern part of the State, I sojourned for a day at Hamner Hall. I had thus an opportunity of witnessing the inner life of this Institution, and also of forming an estimate of the course of instruction there afforded. Our people need not look abroad for the opportunity of giving their daughters a finished course of study. They have, near at home, all that they could desire, not only to afford their children the opportunity of acquiring solid instruction, but also of improving themselves in the accomplishments of Music and Art. It gives, moreover, a bright and cheerful home for our daughters, where the appliances of education, the amenities of domestic life and the sanctities of religion unite to instruct, refine and elevate their characters. Long may it stand to bless our children and our children's children.

November 18th—(26th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached, Morning and Evening, at St. James' Church, Eufaula; confirming one person, and celebrating Holy Communion.

November 19th.—Addressed a Vestry and Parish Meeting in same church, and gave them my counsel in their present perplexities.

November 20th.—Preached, Morning and Evening, at Grace Church, Clayton; confirming one person, and celebrating Holy Communion.

November 22nd.—Preached at Union Springs; confirmed five persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

At Evening Service, preached again, and confirmed one person.

November 23rd—Preached at Seale, Court House of Russell county.

November 24th.—Preached again at same place; confirmed two persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

November 25th—(Sunday before Advent.)—Preached at St. Mark's Church, Troy, Morning and Evening; confirmed two persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

November 26th.—Addressed a Parish Meeting at Union Springs.

November 27th.—Received Testimonials from Standing Committee, recommending Isaac McCoy Williams as a candidate for "Deacon's Orders only."

December 2nd—(Advent Sunday.)—Participated in divine Service at Trinity Church, Mobile; and after Sermon by the Rector, made an Address to the congregation.

December 9th—(Second Sunday in Advent.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Whistler, and celebrated Holy Communion.

December 16th—(3rd Sunday in Advent.)—Participated in divine Service at St. John's Church, Mobile.

December 23rd—(4th Sunday in Advent.)—Preached to congregation of Church of the Good Shepherd.

December 25th—(Feast of the Nativity.)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion.

December 30th—(Sunday after Christmas.)—Participated in Service at Christ Church, Mobile.

1884—January 6th—(Epiphany.)—Preached at Church of the Good Shepherd; confirmed five persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

January 13th—(1st Sunday after Epiphany.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion.

January 20th—(2nd Sunday after Epiphany.)—Preached at St. Mary's Church, Evergreen, and confirmed seven persons.

January 21st.—Preached at same place; confirmed two persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

January 22nd.—Preached at St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, and confirmed two persons.

January 23rd.—Preached at same church, and celebrated Holy Communion.

January 24th.—Visited Birmingham with the view of meeting the Clergy of the Convocation of Tuskaloosa, but the extremely inclement weather rendered it inexpedient to attempt holding services. Whilst there I confirmed a sick person in private.

January 27th—(3rd Sunday after Epiphany.)—Preached at Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

January 30th.—Preached, Morning and Evening, at St. Stephens' Church, Eutaw.

January 31st.—Preached at same place, and confirmed two persons.

February 2nd.—Preached at St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene (Boligee).

February 3rd—(4th Sunday after Epiphany.)—Preached at St. James' Church, Livingston, and celebrated Holy Communion.

February 5th.—Officiated at the funeral of a colored person in Greene county, and preached to a large concourse of people.

February 7th.—Preached at St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion, and confirmed six persons.

February 8th.—Preached at same place, and celebrated Holy Communion.

February 10th—(Septuagesima Sunday.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Greensboro, and celebrated Holy Communion. At Evening Service, preached again, and confirmed six persons.

February 17th—(Sexagesima Sunday.)—Participated in Service at Trinity Church, Mobile.

February 24th—(Quinquagesima Sunday.)—Participated in divine Service at Christ Church, Mobile.

February 27th—(Ash Wednesday.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion. After Service, confirmed two

persons in private: candidates presented by Rev. H. K. Rees, Rector of St. John's Church.

March 1st.—Received, by transfer from the Bishop of Ohio, Cary Breckenridge Wilmer, as a candidate for Orders.

March 2nd—(1st Sunday in Lent.)—Preached and celebrated Holy Communion at Church of the Good Shepherd.

March 16th—(3rd Sunday in Lent.)—Preached at St. John's, Tuscumbia, and, at request of the Rector, baptized two children. Preached at Trinity Church, Florence, in the Evening of same day.

March 17th.—Preached, again, at Trinity Church, Florence.

February 18th.—Celebrated Holy Communion in same church at early Morning Service.

At Evening Service preached at Tuscumbia, and confirmed one person.

March 19th.—Preached, again, at same church; baptized an infant, confirmed one person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

At Evening Service, same day, preached at St. Paul's Church, Decatur.

March 20th.—Preached at same church, and celebrated Holy Communion.

Evening of same day, I preached at St. Timothy's Church, Athens.

March 21st.—Preached at same church, and celebrated Holy Communion.

These two last named churches have been without pastoral care for nearly a year; enjoying only occasional Services. Rev. J. A. Van Hoose will, for the present, give them a regular Service.

March 23rd—(4th Sunday in Lent.)—Preached, Morning and Evening, at Church of the Nativity, Huntsville; confirming thirteen persons—one of them a sick person, in private.

March 24th.—Preached at St. Luke's Church, Scottsboro; confirming four persons.

March 26th.—Preached at Church of the Advent, Birmingham, and confirmed one person. Preached again at Night, and confirmed nineteen persons.

March 27th—Lectured at a Lenten Service at St. John's Church, Montgomery.

March 28th.—Preached at Emanuel Church, Opelika; confirmed one person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

March 29th.—Preached at Auburn, and confirmed eight persons. The Presbyterian Minister kindly gave us the use of his church for the occasion. There is no vestige of the church building once standing here. Rev. Dr. Everhart has kindly given his services to the few church people residing at Auburn, and prepared the interesting class presented for confirmation.

March 30th—(5th Sunday in Lent.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Montgomery. At Afternoon Service, preached again, and confirmed thirty-one persons. It was most gratifying to find the interest of the male choir still unabated. I licensed W. W. Stringfellow Lay Reader at

St. John's Church, Montgomery. I introduce this item here, in order to call attention to the fact that the Revised Canon requires Lay Readers to be licensed from year to year. Rectors of churches should advise the Bishop of their desire to have certain persons appointed Lay Readers in their respective Parishes.

April 6th—(Sunday before Easter.)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile, and confirmed seventeen persons.

April 11th—(Good Friday.)—Celebrated Holy Communion at St. John's Church, Mobile.

April 13th—(Easter Sunday.)—Preached at St. John's, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion. At same Service, confirmed thirty-eight persons—two of whom were from Trinity Parish. In the Afternoon of the same day, I participated in the Children's Festival at Trinity Church, and made an Address to the children.

April 15th—(Tuesday in Easter Week.)—Preached in the Church of the Advent, Birmingham, and confirmed sixteen persons. The number of persons confirmed during the Conventional year in this rapidly growing Parish is thirty-seven.

April 16th.—Preached at Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, and confirmed nine persons.

April 17th.—Preached at St. James' Church, Livingston, and confirmed five persons.

I had already visited the three last named points, but the Rectors had not had time fully to prepare their classes for confirmation; and I was glad to be able—even in this hurried trip—to meet their wishes.

April 19th.—Received an official communication from the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, and submit it, herewith, to the consideration of this Convention.

April 20th—(1st Sunday after Easter.)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile, and confirmed twenty-four persons.

April 26th.—Failed, on account of high waters, to reach Forkland, where I had an appointment for this day.

April 27th—(2nd Sunday after Easter.)—Preached at Trinity Church, Demopolis. At Afternoon Service, gave an instruction on Confirmation, and laid hands on six persons. Here I missed from his seat in the church and his place by his fireside my dear old friend, the Hon. Frank S. Lyon. He passed serenely through a stormy period of history, unruffled alike by prosperity or adversity. It does one good to call to mind such a beautiful specimen of gentle and pure manliness—the faithful friend, the incorruptible statesman, the exemplary citizen, the generous benefactor. When we look beyond his public life, we recall the just and equal master, the loving father, the model husband. How rarely do we find so many noble and lovely elements mixed up in one man. I only feel justified in drawing the veil for a moment from his private life, by remembering that his name is a household word with the members of this Convention. Which of us has not sat at his table, and refreshed himself in the light of that gentle countenance? Blessed is his memory!

April 28th.—Preached at St. Andrews' Church, Hale county; confirmed four persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

April 30th.—Officiated at St. Michael's, Marengo county; and, after a Sermon by Rev. Dr. Harrison, I confirmed two persons and celebrated Holy Communion.

May 1st—(St. Philips and St. James'.)—Preached at Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown, and confirmed one person.

At this point sickness arrested me, and prevented the fulfillment of appointments at Brown's Station, Carlowville, and Grace Church, Dallas county.

May 6th.—After a Sermon by Rev. J. S. Johnston, I confirmed seventeen persons at St. Paul's Church, Selma.

The following is a summary of my official acts for the year 1883-1884:

Baptisms—infants, 4.....Total..	4
Marriages.....	1
Funerals.....	3
Churches Consecrated (1 in Maryland).....	2
Lay Readers Licensed.....	7
Confirmations.....	291

CONSENT GIVEN.

I have given my Canonical consent to the consecration of Rev. Dr. Watson to the Episcopate of Eastern North Carolina.

OFFICIAL NOTICES RECEIVED.

Of the deposition of Carl F. W. Treptow, by the Bishop of N. New Jersey.

Of the deposition of Isaac M. Frey, by the Bishop of Michigan.

Of the deposition of Charles C. Adams, by the Bishop of Iowa.

Of the deposition of Charles H. Gauthier (Deacon), by the Bishop of Missouri.

Of the deposition of Chester T. Adams, by the Bishop of Ohio.

Of revocation of License of R. G. Weller (Deacon) for one year, by the Bishop of Florida.

ACCOUNT OF CHURCH PROPERTY ENTRUSTED TO MY CARE.

(1) *Florence.*—I have received $58.00 toward the building of a new church at Florence, Ala., and hold a Bank Certificate of Deposit for the amount, duly noted and placed in safe keeping.

(2) *The Gibson Estate.*—I have received, since the last report, $500.00 from my attorney, and have remitted to the widow of the late James D. Gibson $250.00, and have appropriated to the "Church Home for Orphans" $250.00: in conformity to the terms of the will of decedent and the provisions of the Alabama Convention—James Bond, Esq., Chancellor of the Diocese, being my counsellor in this and in all other matters involving questions of law. The Diocese of Alabama owes Mr. Bond a large debt of gratitude for his many and gratuitous services. I hope, at an early day, to be able to close my Executorial account with

the above mentioned estate. Nothing hinders but unavoidable litigation.

(3) *Huntsville Orphan Asylum* (proposed).—I reported, last year, balance in hand $1,500 26
Interest since added 84 00

Present amount in hand $1,584 26

The amount reported is invested in one $1,000 Alabama Bond (A), and the balance in Bank Certificate of Deposit. The 36 Shares of Madison county Turnpike Stock yield a dividend, but have no ascertainable market value, and I am advised not to sell.

(4) *St. Mary's Rectory.*—I refer to my last report in Journal of 1883. The debt due to the church in Gainesville will be soon liquidated by annual payments from the leased property of St. Mary's Rectory. As the annual payments come in, they are being invested in good securities for the church at Gainesville.

(5) *Church Home Property.*—I have been able, through the liberality of the people of Mobile, and through the economical and unselfish administration of the Deaconesses in charge, to add to our funds from year to year. At the same time we have added to our real estate, from time to time, and have ministered with a full hand to the needs of some sixty souls. In no city less liberal than Mobile could this have been done. All classes of people have united in bestowing their bounty—tradesmen, bakers and butchers. It is hardly credible, but it is strictly true, that I have found no butcher yet, during these many years, who would take any money for his meat. The fact is that we take good care of the orphan, and the people know it.

Whether I shall go on to add to our benevolent work by establishing a Hospital and Widows' Home, or whether I shall make the present Orphanages self-supporting by continuing to enlarge the investments, depends upon circumstances which I cannot at all control, nor with certainty foresee. The future of the city of Mobile will, necessarily, determine my future action. In the meantime, with the best counsel I can command, I am investing as safely as it is possible to do. Since my last Address, I have sold out the Mobile County Bonds, and invested the amount in Alabama State Bonds (A). Acting as a Fiduciary, I have sought security rather than a high rate of interest.

I report this year balance in hand $16,960 88
I reported last year in hand 15,769 29

Showing a gain of $1,191 59

There is a feature about this Church Home work which bespeaks the careful consideration of our church people. The country people supply in great part the orphans, and the Mobile people supply in very large part the food and nurture. This is a heavy tax upon a generous people, already overweighted. Every locality that sends an orphan, should send something to keep that orphan. The State, too, should pay some consid-

eration for the support and education of so many of her helpless poor. Unless this is done, Mobile will have to bear a heavy burden. There are four Orphan Homes now in Mobile, and nothing, worth speaking of, comes to the support of these Homes from the country. It is not a fair adjustment of a burden which should be shared by all.

The present state of investments of Church Home Funds is as follows, viz:

9 $1,000 Registered Bonds Alabama (A), average cost of each $609 57½	$5,486 14
9 $1,000 Registered Bonds Alabama (A), average cost of each $818 61½	7,367 50
1 $1,000 Coupon Bond Alabama (A), cost	827 50
1 $1,000 Coupon Bond Alabama (A), cost	832 50
1 $1,000 Mobile & O. R. R. Bond, 1st Mort., 6 per cent, cost	1,172 50
Balance in hand for current expenses	1,274 74
1884—April 22nd—Amount in hand as stated above	$16,960 88

N. B.—The Coupon Bonds will be registered as soon as practicable.

Church of the Good Shepherd.

(6) Since my last Annual Address, I have purchased a desirable lot of ground, and have built a Rectory and Church (now used for a Day School and Sunday School also). A colored Layman is licensed to Lay Read, with privilege of exhorting. A lady from Virginia is in charge of the Day School. The moneys expended in building and conducting the work here came from abroad. The Rev J. S. Johnston, without whose earnest co-operation I could not have begun this work, has had charge of the disbursement of all the funds expended in the erection of the building, etc. The Rev. I L. Tucker, D. D., of Christ Church, Mobile, who is at this time Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, will make his report to this Convention.

I have not at all pressed this enterprise upon the attention of the people of Mobile. I have recognized the fact that they are already heavily pressed. I have looked abroad for help, and, so far, not in vain. I feel that this is my last new work upon earth. If it be of God—and I do not doubt it—it will in due time be established; if it be not of God, it will and should fail. I am glad to spend my last days for the benefit of a race, whose elevation or continued degeneration, must effect the future of this, our Southern Country, for generations to come.

These people have, by toil and sweat, redeemed this southern land from the wilderness; they nursed and tended us in our child-

hood; and to-day, we are indebted to their industry for whatever great degree of agricultural prosperity we enjoy. They are with us for weal or woe, and it is our bounden duty, no less than our interest, to do all in our power to promote their temporal and spiritual welfare. A degraded element in society is always an element of weakness and danger.

I do not think that our people have duly considered the manifold benefits to be looked for in the establishment of our Church among this people. Under their present religious systems, they have been allowed to drift off without the pilotage of the white man, and are now being whirled about by every wind and wave of opinion. Thus their religion, which should be a bond of unity and mutual helpfulness, tends to solidarity and antagonism of races—an evil fearful to contemplate—for the light that is in them threatens to become darkness.

On the contrary, the genius of the mission of this our Church—would to God our people could all catch the inspiration!—tends to bind together in a common faith and discipline all races, orders and conditions of men. The history of the church in this country for the last few eventful years, is a very striking and instructive one. Long after the denominational antagonisms had hopelessly alienated great numbers of people, and had marshalled them under sectional banners, this Church held firmly together, and was only parted asunder at last by sheer physical necessity. After a stormy revolution had subsided, this Church it was that appeared to still the waves, and bring about peace and reconciliation. And now her province is to carry on the same blessed work—to subdue antagonisms, and to bring into her fold, in loving unity and confidence, all sorts and conditions of men. A true statesmanship—not to say Churchmanship—should recognize so mighty an element in the work of rehabilitation, and seek to extend an influence so wholesome over all the peoples of this land. Alas! our statesmen are too often mere politicians.

"The relation of the Church to the colored population" is a grave question.

Ethiopia is at our doors, in our homes, and stretches out her hands to us, and by her very ignorance, helplessness and low estate appeals to our hearts.

It has so happened that I have been brought into more notoriety in connection with this subject than is agreeable, either to

my taste or general habit. This came not of my own seeking. Early last summer I received a request from the "Board of Managers" of our Missions to speak upon this subject before the Board of Missions in Philadelphia. I could not hesitate to accept an opportunity, so propitiously and providentially presented, to express my long-formed and deeply-cherished convictions. I esteemed it a great privilege to stand before that large body of enlightened statesmen and divines and to set forth those great principles which, in my judgment, must ever rule in Christ's Kingdom, amid all the changes and chances of this mortal life.

The subject matter—in some of its aspects—was a very delicate one. We were standing, even then, upon molten lava, whose surface was scarcely cooled. Had an appeal been made to human feelings upon past issues, all the latent and suppressed passions of sinful men would have been stirred into vehement activity. There were representative men there from every section of the country. They had had deep and strongly conflicting convictions upon many aspects of the question before them. And these convictions had not been changed; genuine men do not lightly change their convictions. But they can rise above them—to a higher plane—and ask the Master's will, and hear his voice and keep silence before Him.

The whole subject, in all its bearings, is altogether confounding to one who approaches it from the ground—from the low level of human feeling—where all is confusion, and irritation and strife. But when you can get on higher ground, and behold the Lord of the kingdom—shining upon all, like to the sun in his glory—and ask, "What is the Church; who is her Head; what is her function upon earth; how she stands related to her Divine Head; and what His relation to all that dwell upon the earth," you pass beyond the line where the rays of light are refracted and decomposed by an earthly atmosphere, and behold all things clearly in the pure, serene light of the universal Fatherhood and of the eternal Sonship.

The genius and mission of the church must then be first learned —that she stands in this world for Christ—to show "the way"—to maintain "the truth"—to make manifest "the life!"

But to come to my especial purpose.

The address which I delivered before the Board of Missions has, in many particulars, been misunderstood, and, in some instances,

perverted. Personally, all this is a matter of indifference. But, inasmuch as I represent this Church in my jurisdiction, it becomes me to set forth, in words that cannot be misunderstood, the principles which will direct all the work to which I shall give my official sanction and support. I therefore put upon record, and make it a part of my annual address, the words that I used before the Board of Missions in October last.

I said as follows:

"I feel myself privileged in having this opportunity to speak in this presence, upon a subject which so deeply concerns the duty and honor of this church, and so vitally affects the welfare of a people ever dear to my heart.

My earliest childhood was spent among the negroes of Virginia, and to this day my heart grows warm with the memory of the love I once bore them, and which no change nor time can ever obliterate.

My earliest ministry was in large measure devoted to their welfare, and I feel that I have nothing to learn from any man, in the matter of duty and affection to this people. A "debtor" I ever felt myself to them when they were "bond," and equally,—no more and no less—I confess myself a "debtor" to them now that they are "free." Their changed condition has given rise to new complications, but has imposed no new obligations. The present time is, in my judgment, most propitious for beginning the work of this church among this people. We have but recently passed through a violent storm, which disturbed for awhile our whole political and social system. With the newly and violently acquired freedom of the colored men, there came, as was most natural, impatience of subordination—such subordination as in every well-ordered society must be yielded by the employee to the employer,—and temporary distrust of those who loved them best, and who alone could do them lasting good. Puffed up by political demagogues, who sought their elevation only that they might elevate themselves upon them, they became inflated with a not unnatural conceit, and misconstrued every effort to do them good as a tribute to their self-importance.

For my part, I stood still. For years I have felt compelled to stand still There are times when we feel compelled to "keep silence, yea even from good words." I was unwilling—a proper personal and official self-respect demanded it—to fall in with meas-

ures, urged on by outside parties and in distrust of myself. I would allow no church ministration to be exercised in my jurisdiction, save as it was responsible to myself. Yet, such ministration was proposed and urged upon me.

There is at present a great change, so far as my observation extends. The storm having abated, the waves begin to subside and find their proper level. Nothing so unnatural could last long.

But now a subject presents itself—vast, complex, difficult and delicate—one that will demand our concentrated wisdom, love and power. "How shall we best bring the blessings of the gospel of Christ to bear upon the hearts and lives of these millions of colored people in our midst?"

But in the first place, we must get rid of an impression which prevails very largely, and will inevitably enter as an element to be considered in our legislation—an impression that we will have to deal with a people who will come to us in great numbers. On the contrary, there is no symptom of any such disposition on their part. Everything in the attitude of this people towards this Church is against such a supposition. Not at all because this Church does not offer, and afford, all that they most need, but because they are already attached to, I might almost say engulfed by, religious systems, which, however illy suited to instruct and elevate, are powerful to fascinate them. The few only will come to us at first. They will be drawn to us by elective affinity—because they love the order and reverence which characterize the worship of the church. For a long time they will constitute a fragmentary portion of the great mass. But in time, as they are elevated by education, they will become centres of good influence, and like salt, help to season the race. But this must be a work of time and patience, as well as a labor of love. Who for a moment estimates the power of the Anglican Communion by the numbers of her adherents? Yet this Communion does, without question, in large part, season the social and religious life of this generation, and keep alive a catholic and historic christianity. What this church is now accomplishing for multitudes, who disown her communion, whilst unconsciously fed from her table and stimulated by her life, these small remnants of colored people may be destined under God's blessing to accomplish for some portion of their race. Such expectations in view of the smallness of our beginning, will doubtless excite derision

among those who estimate only by human arithmetic; but we must work on in faith and patience, standing firm upon great principles, for if a real, honest, faithful and reverential piety is ever wrought out among this people, it must start from small beginnings, and be carried on through divinely ordained agencies. The work is ours; the issue is in the hand of God, and through the power of his Spirit whose blessing we invoke.

We hear much said in regard to the moral condition of this people, and it is, alas! for the most part painfully true. But I do not sympathize with the wholesale and undiscriminating charges which are so commonly brought against them. If we fairly and generously consider their whole history and surroundings, we shall find more scope for pity than for reproach. Where, except as they were brought into intimate household relations with the better class of whites, did they enjoy the benefit of a healthy moral atmosphere? Then, the absence of educational advantages, which could alone elevate their minds and keep down the cravings of their lower appetites, must be duly considered. And then again, the views of religious truth which they received were rather those which appealed to their affections than to their conscience, to their emotional, rather than to their moral nature. They share the tendency to separate morals from piety in common with all men. Human nature, under all and in spite of all systems, tends to practical Antinomianism. We all do seek more from Christ than we try to render Him in devoted obedience. Therefore I am fully pursuaded that their present moral condition is due more to their unhappy surroundings than to any insusceptibility on their part to wholesome religious instruction.

And, furthermore, we do them injustice in estimating their moral character exclusively from our own standpoint. Every condition of life has its special temptations. The poor and needy have their special liabilities—notably to dishonesty. The lower appetites get ascandency over the ignorant. Very few men, white or black, can stand much temptation, when desire waxes strong, and the coveted objects lie within their grasp. Moreover, we over-estimate the comparative turpitude of dishonesty, because it involves the loss of property. Thieving is a palpable, tangible and measurable evil. It can be weighed and gauged. It touches an immediate interest, and is therefore intensely heinous in our eyes. Practically, the world esteems the commandment,—"thou

shalt not steal,"—the first and great commandment in the law. Suppose the best of us should be tried by the supreme law of God, and from the divine standpoint—with all our superior advantages taken into account—what estimate would be formed of our piety and moral condition? But this opens a large subject, which, if fully considered in all its bearings, might modify, in some measure, our estimates and judgments of our fellow-men.

My own opportunity of estimating the susceptibility of the black man to the influences of genuine piety has been unusually great. For many years I ministered to him on the plantations of Virginia, and I have expended no ministerial labor which was followed by more marked and permanent results. But I gave him views of religious truth which reached his head, his heart and his life—the teachings of "Holy scripture as Christ hath commanded and this church hath received the same"—the Faith, the Law and the Worship of the Gospel—the Creed, the Lord's prayer and the Ten Commandments. The present prevailing system among the blacks, who have drifted away from the pilotage of their white brethren, appeals almost exclusively to their emotional and nervous systems—running them into insane paroxysms—and there is, ofttimes, but a single step down from a seeming religious exaltation to the lowest act of sensuality and vice.

Herein, as I think, lies, in great part, the cause of that sad divorce of religious emotion from common morality which we so much deprecate. It is in the character of their present worship, which from its sensuous nature has such a deadly fascination for them. It is from the maddening orgies of their so-called revivals which could at any moment be silenced by a precept of Christ from the Mount, or the announcement of a Commandment of the Law. Most of us have heard of an incident, which—whether true or not—is highly illustrative of what has just been said. A clergyman of the church, it is said, happened in one of our villages where a revival was in progress. The preachers in attendance had become hoarse through excessive use of the voice, and they invoked the aid of traveller. He told them that he never preached without his manuscript, and that he had but one sermon with him. "What is the text?" they asked. "Thou shalt not steal." "For God's sake, don't preach that sermon," they said, "for it would break up the revival!" There is no doubt that a faithful sermon on the seventh or eighth, or any other one of the command-

ments would break up most modern revivals among the blacks —perhaps many among the whites. But in what striking contrast is the worship of the Church! where the ten commandments in the law are constantly proclaimed; followed by the responses of the people, "Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts we beseech thee?" Who does not welcome the gracious revivals that from time to time have refreshed the Church of God? Such revivals must always tend to magnify the divine law, and cause all hearts to rejoice in its holy precepts, but alas! this is not the characteristic of the modern revival, which galvanizes, rather than vitalizes, its unhappy subjects!

We must confess to our shame that the black man has never to any great extent been brought under the church system. It is not altogether our fault, for these ignorant creatures have been persistently taught that there is no religion among us. We gratefully accept the statement that there is no such religion taught by us as they are seeking for. But a new era opens. The present religious systems have for the most part confessedly failed to produce even a decent morality. This must be admitted to be true. Let us try to do our part in rectifying the existing evil. That is the plain, distinct duty before us. I verily believe that there are features in the church system of instruction and worship which render it peculiarly attractive and helpful to the most ignorant. I assure you that there were scattered specimens of the old-fashioned negro churchman in the older Southern states, who were models of piety and good manners, scarcely to be found anywhere else in the same sphere of life—in some few instances, not surpassed in any sphere of life. There are a few such left among us who have survived the general degeneration. These men and women will join themselves to us, if we afford them the opportunity. We must cherish those little handfuls of people at all our large centres of population. (We can do this effectually if our politicians will let them alone.) We must build them attractive churches and give them modes of worship suited to their responsive natures. We must also educate their children and give them that self-respect, without which there is no basis for common morality. We must give them church homes for the aged and helpless young. In old times every well-ordered plantation had its one or more homes for the aged—pleasant homes they were for the worn-out laborers—where they finished their course in com-

fort, tended by the loving care of the old folks at home. All this has passed away. Christian charity must reconstruct this work and labor of love under new forms, suited to a new style of things. Institutions may change and decay, but "charity never faileth." The church ever survives to bless and instruct. She must supply homes for all her destitute children and shine on as the Sun, upon all alike.

We cannot, as I have before said, get hold of great numbers at first. It is best perhaps we should not, for our people are not prepared to do their full duty as yet. But we can help the few, who will come to us; by God's help we can raise them to a higher plane, and through them, by little and little with much patience, we may get hold of larger numbers, and thus, in God's good time, realise the germination and growth of the mustard seed in the enlargement of this part of Christ's kingdom.

At this point there comes up before us the great practical question to be settled in our present proposed attempt at legislation—"What shall we do with this small remnant that is now attached to us, and will probably continue to seek admission to our communion and ministry?" Shall we set them apart to themselves—away from our guidance and control? Shall we say, "Go and form your own separate and independent organizations and work out your own destiny?" Alas! they cannot do without our pilotage in their present state, and the wisest among them know it, whilst the ambitious are willing to risk all for their self-advancement. Strange it is that men, who would not risk themselves in business and the arts of life without the headship of the white man, will create churches and ministries, and form schemes of doctrine and discipline, without the consciousness of inadequacy to such a task. What business of human concernment in any department of life is there that is now flourishing under the headship of the black man? How is it that he is willing to take the helm in spiritual things—in the church of God? There are among them enough of sensible men to know those things and to seek gratefully the counsel and help of the white man in all matters. They know that their present comparative elevation is largely due to the influence and sympathy of their employers, and that the most intelligent and virtuous among them are they who are brought most closely in contact with their superiors in knowledge and the arts of life. The most sensible among them will easily conclude

that they need the same sympathy and aid in higher matters—even in things pertaining unto God.

Besides—should we throw off the most helpless and ignorant to their own un-wisdom, we run directly counter to the mind of Christ, the teaching of the holy Apostles and the whole genius of Christianity! The Church is the representative of Christ upon earth. That church must reflect the spirit of the Master and the universalness of his redemption.

Why, the statesman—even the politician—admits their equality of right and privilege before the law of man! how must they stand in presence of the mercy seat and the everlasting covenant of love in Christ Jesus! Is the human law more equal and more majestically just than that of Him who sitteth upon the circle of the heavens—while the inhabitants of the earth are but as grasshoppers!

This subject does not for a moment touch the relations of men in their social life. The law of society is a self-adjusting law and rules supreme in its own sphere. So that, the more you show me that men in social life will be divided by lines of demarcation—and no one, even if it were practicable, would seek to obiiterate those needful divisions among men—the more you deepen in me the apprehension of the great truth of our oneness in Christ, when we come into his church in the presence of the Universal Fatherhood. In our homes and in our social life, we find the needful partition lines, without which society could not exist harmoniously, but in the Church of God, which is not "our's," save as the Sun is "our's," and the atmosphere is "our's," we come into sunshine and air which shines for all and breathes for all. Here there is "neither Greek nor Jew, bond nor free," but Christ is "All-in-all"—the Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

The Church of Christ, therefore, is estopped at the threshold from entering upon class or caste legislation; estopped by the fact that she is Christ's established church upon earth, and not a humanly constituted society. She has a divine constitution—the revealed mind of Christ, the Head. Beyond, or contrary to, this revealed mind she cannot go. All her legislation must conform to this constitution as interpreted by universal consent—called catholic tradition. This principle, here laid down, would settle the peace of Christendom.

At this point, we are told that the negroes belonging to the va-

rious christian denominations have gone off to themselves, by general consent, or from necessity, as the case may be. This is all perfectly legitimate upon the commonly received ideas of the men of this generation. Any man can nowadays create a religious society and claim for it churchly authority. Any such society can claim for itself autonomy, and can arrange itself on color lines or any other lines. This is perfectly consistent with the principles of sectism. Such sectism of its own nature breeds sectism bearing seed, as ever, after its own kind.

The church has no such license. Her authority, being legitimate and divinely constitutional, has its prescribed metes and bounds. Her legislation must therefore conform to the prescriptions contained in the Divine Word, as interpreted by catholic consent and upon principles of strict construction. So much for the principle involved.

How does the matter stand upon grounds of expediency; what does human wisdom suggest?

It is urged, in behalf of the plan of separate and independent organization, that the black man lacks the ability and intelligence to take position in the church. If this be so, is it wise and expedient and kind to throw him off to himself—to his own indiscretion and un-wisdom? Is this indeed in keeping with the idea of the Church of Christ—to gather to the one part of the body all of its wisdom and intelligence? The divine idea—as drawn out in holy scripture—would seem to be that the Church, in common with all other organisms, was to be edified by the "effectual working together in the measure of every part"—"by that which every joint and band supplieth"—the riches and strength of the one part flowing to the supply of the weakness and poverty of the other. So that if we receive not much ourselves, we may be able to bestow much upon others, and thus inherit the greater blessedness that is promised to him that giveth. And, therefore, the more you impress my mind with the un-wisdom and incapacity of this man of whom I speak, this man with whom I am one in Christ, the more do you deepen in me the conviction that it is my duty to cast in my lot with, him and share the higher advantages I have received from above, if so be I have received them.

And here let me say what a grievous responsibility has been assumed by those christian denominations, which have willingly

allowed their colored communicants to drift off to themselves without any check upon their wildest extravagancies!

And is there nothing that I can receive back from these people in return for the help I may be able to extend to them? How else can I bring into exercise the Christ-like graces of humility and condescension unless I am so thrown in with him as to be able to show him sympathy and extend to him relief in his ignorance and low estate? None of us have to stoop very low to find ourselves upon a level with the lowliest in the church of God, when we bring into view, as we ever should, the condescension of our Lord, who for our sake humbled himself to take upon him the form of a servant? Who can calculate—no arithmetical computation is adequate thereto—what helpfulness may come to ourselves from the constant exercise of the grace of humility, for the dear Lord's sake, towards this man, seemingly the least among his brethren!

For myself I can truly say, that if I ever have done much for him, he has likewise done much for me, from my childhood up to this hour. Some of my earliest lessons of faith and childlike trust have been taught me by his lips and life. From him I learned first that "the thunder," which caused my timid heart to throb, "was the voice of the Great Father" and that "the air around me was the great sea of his infinite love." Never have words of wisdom come to me from Christ with more power and permanence of impression than ~~where~~ he has spoken to me through this oft-despised man. May my place in heaven be as well assured as that of some of these friends of my childhood!

And to my mind, this is, of all realizations of Christ as the power of God and the wisdom of God, the most sublime and beautiful—the unity in their several gradations, of all orders and degrees of men in the body of the dear Lord: where mutual love doth reign; where mutual helpfulness prevails; where the superior wisdom and riches bestowed on the one part of the body continually flows forth to relieve the poverty and ignorance of the other—to flow back in returns of a blessedness beyond all the gifts of human intelligence. Oh! this is the great need of the church and of the state. That we could have more of the mind of Christ! This would be the resolver of all doubts—the clew to all labyrinths—the grand catholicon for all distempers—the universal solvent—the great indissoluble bond of unity, peace and concord.

Then—to sum up all I have said—I maintain, that upon grounds

of principle and high expediency—they must ever at last concur—we should not compel this people to the formation of independent organizations. They will prefer, as is most natural, to have their separate congregations for worship, but let us formulate no canon which shall place them beyond the reach of our aid and sympathy.

I am well aware that in the working out of the above principles we shall meet with many and grave obstacles. The best constructed machinery will at times work imperfectly because of friction of material. Our own people, for the most part indifferent, are at times—especially in our villages—narrow and provincial. The colored people themselves, under evil influences, will revolt from subordination, and prefer to reign in the sect than to serve in the church—the fruitful source of schism in all ages and among men of every color. We cannot help the existence of all these evil influences. But this one thing we can do. We can legislate according to the mind of Christ and the genius of the Holy Catholic Church. And therein we shall do a great work and keep shining a bright light. With this oil in our lamps we may go forth to meet the bridegroom.

I must say a word in regard to the late Conference at Sewanee. It was convoked to consider the relations of the church to the colored population of this country. For some years the spirit of criticism has busied itself with the supposed and alleged inertness and indifference of Southern Bishops in regard to the colored people. We have no apologies to make. God knows that we are not indifferent in this matter, and when his providence shall open the way, we trust that we shall not prove inert. There are difficulties and perplexities in connection with this whole subject which none but ourselves can fully appreciate. A race of men is not developed in a day, nor in a century. God is very patient, and to human apprehension very slow in His plan of dealing with nations. We must learn to bide His time, and follow the example of His great patience.

There was but one spirit manifested in the Conference at Sewanee, and that was a spirit of entire unity as to the great object before us. There was, also, entire unanimity of opinion in regard to the inexpediency of forming separate and independent organizations for the people of color. The result of the Conference is given for the most part in a canon to be proposed for the consideration of the Board of Missions and of the General Convention.

Much to my regret, I felt myself compelled to dissent from my thren in regard to one feature of the canon in question.

t introduced, needlessly as I thought, the objectionable feature class legislation. It proposed to set off missionary organizations the colored people, not on the ground of their incapacity and orance, but upon the ground of color. I say, "not on the und of incapacity or ignorance," for it is notorious that there multitudes of white people in some of our States who, as it re-ds intelligence, education and manners, are not superior to the ored population, and are quite inferior to that class of colored ple who are prepared to enter the communion of this Church. then a separate missionary organization be desirable for any of r people on the ground of their incapacity and ignorance—and t point is the one now to be determined—why is it not equally irable for people of all colors?

Why then introduce the word "colored"—except to draw in urch legislation the color line and thus bring into operation a te and class legislation—a hitherto unknown feature in church islation? This was, as I thought, the uncatholic feature in canon.

For my own part, I saw no sufficient reason for any special leg-ation, and proposed to the Conference a resolution which em-died the sentiments of this present address.

The resolution was as follows:

"*Resolved* That, in the judgment of the Bishops and other clergy d of the laity assembled to consider the relation of the church to e colored population, it would be contrary to the mind of Christ, consistent with true Catholicity and detrimental to the best in-rests of all concerned, to provide any separate and independent anization or legislation for the peoples embraced within the mmunion of this Church."

"*Contrary to the mind of Christ*"—because containing the ele-ent of "partiality" and "respect of persons" in His Church hich he purchased with his most precious blood. Christ was, hen "made man," the manifestation to universal Humanity of the ivine Fatherhood. In His body, the Church, there was to be no cognition of race, color, condition or estate. Barbarian, Scyth-n, bond and free, were one in Him through his Incarnation. hus through Him, our Lord, there was one Faith, one Bap-

tism, one God and Father of all, above all, through all and in them all."

"*Inconsistent with true Catholicity*"—because it legislated invidiously for a class, and thus introduced the element of caste into a "Kingdom, which is not of this world."

"*Detrimental to the interests of all concerned*" because it tends to throw off the one part, the leastwise and capable, to themselves, thus depriving them of the fulness of privileges granted to others, and also depriving the other part of the body of the benefits which flow from the exercise of the graces of condescension and sympathy, which can only find full scope in integral unity and union."

In conclusion, permit me to say that this is the critical moment of time in connection with the first proposed legislation on this subject. A mistake now may never be remedied. We must legislate under no temporary pressure, nor for the promotion of any temporary expediency. The Church of the ages past has its eye upon us and admonishes us. The Church of the present, notably, our mother Church, intently awaits our action. The Church of the future, with vision purged, will scan and pass judgment upon our present procedures. The eye of Christ himself is bent upon us. Whatever we can gather of his gracious mind must determine our every present and future course of action. We may not hope for His blessing save as we conform to His will. We cannot go counter to His will without sooner or later coming to grief. Take which path we may, His eye will follow us and bring all our actions into judgment.

Most eloquently and wisely does the late Dr. Mozley discourse upon the words of Christ in the judgment hall of Pilate—"My Kingdom is not of this world." "This," says he, "is a text which has, as it were, looked at the church ever since the church was founded. It is like an eye fixed upon her from which she cannot escape. She has in times past thought she had escaped it; she has acted according to her own will, but that eye has been upon her; go where she will and in whatever divergent paths, that eye has been upon her."

Yes, wander as we may in whatever devious and questionable paths, falter as we may under the pressure of public opinion—and it is this pressure that oft forces into the kingdom of God the ele-

ments of this world—we shall be compelled at last to stand face to face in the judgment hall with Christ, saying, "My Kingdom is not of this world."

But in whatever else we may fail, God grant that we may never fail in perpetual and prayerful recognition of the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, without whose aid all human legislation and wisdom are in vain. Shall we forever need to be reminded of the vision vouchsafed the prophet?—the candlestick fed with oil, representing in symbol the unction from above, and the interpretation of the angel, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord."

And as we cast our eyes back upon the generations that are past, and behold the rock whence we ourselves were hewed and the hole of the pit whence we were digged, assuredly we cannot despair of the ultimate redemption of any of the children of men.

Often do I call to mind the memorable words of the late Bishop of Lichfield—that Prince of Missionary Bishops. In his never to be forgotten address delivered in Baltimore in 1871, he spoke of a certain class of people, characterized by an apostle as "Liars," "evil beasts" and "slow bellies." "And yet, said he," (I think that I give his exact words) "These 'Liars' were soon to become heralds of the truth—'these evil beasts,' followers of the Lamb—and out of these 'slow bellies' were destined to flow fountains of living water."

"Our help is in the Name of the Lord:
"Who hath made Heaven and Earth!"

Faithfully yours,

RICH'D H. WILMER,
Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama.

May 7th, 1884.

APPENDIX B.

Report of the Official Acts of Standing Committee During the Year from May, 1883, to May, 1884.

May 15th, 1883.—Rev. J. S. Johnston was elected President, and James Bond, Secretary, of the Committee.

Same Day.—John J. Harris, of Christ Church Parish, Tuscaloosa, was recommended for admission as a candidate for Holy Orders.

November 12th, 1883.—Isaac McCoy Williams recommended as a candidate for Deacon's Orders.

January 7th, 1884.—Consent was given to the consecration of Rev. A. A. Watson, D.D., as Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina.

J. S. JOHNSTON, *President.*

JAMES BOND, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX C.

Parochial Reports.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY—Rev. H. Stringfellow, D.D. Rector.—May 1st, 1884.

Communicants—In 1883, 508; Died, 7; Removed, 18....Present No.		510
Sunday School—Teachers, 24; Scholars, 196		220
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 38; Private 4		42
Baptisms		24
Confirmations		31
Marriages		9
Funerals		14
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		11
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$3,000 00	
Convention Fund	650 00	
Current expenses	1,777 01	
Memorial Mission	200 00	
		$5,627 01
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	180 00	
Harvest Home	150 00	
Sunday School festival	418 00	
		748 00
Charities and Benefections in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		414 70
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South		50 00
Other contributions for Church purposes		402 30
Total Expenditures		$7,242 01

REMARKS.—Steps have been taken with every prospect of success, to ise at once, two thousand dollars, with which to pay the mortgage upon e Rectory.

T. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, EUTAW—REV. STEPHEN U. SMITH, Rector.—May 7th, 1884.

ommunicants—in 1884, 43	Present No...	43
unday School—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 30		36
elebration of Holy Communion—Public, 11		11
aptisms		3
onfirmations		2
arriages		2
unerals		3
umber of months spent in the Parish since last report		12
arochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$390 00	
Convention Fund	50 00	
Current expenses	36 00	
		$476 00
harities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		33 00
harities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions	15 05	
Widows and Orphans	3 00	
		18 05
harities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Foreign Missions	7 25	
University of the South	5 00	
		12 25
ther contributions for Church purposes—		
Jewish Missions		1 60
otal Expenditures		$542 70

T. JOHN'S CHURCH, TUSCUMBIA—REV. B. F. MOWER, Rector. May 5th, 1884.

ommunicants—In 1884, 40; Removed, 2	Present No...	42
unday School—Teachers, 4; Scholars, 20		24
elebration of Holy Communion—Public, 12		12
aptisms		3
onfirmations		2
arriages		3
umber of months spent in the Parish since last report		12
arochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$137 00	
Convention Fund	15 00	
Current expenses	6 75	
Ice-cream festivival, for improvement upon church edifice	36 45	
		195 20
harities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		29 45
ther Contributions for Church Purposes—		
Surplice and Stole		15 00
otal Expenditures		$239 65

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MOBILE—Rev. Henry K. Rees, Rector.

May 6th, 1884.

Communicants—In 1883, 710; Died, 4; Removed, 7		
Present No. (added by 1st Com. 39)		73[illegible]
Sunday School—Teachers, 17; Scholars, 179		19[illegible]
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 60; Private, 14		74[illegible]
Baptisms—Adults, 3; Infants, 38		41[illegible]
Confirmations		3[illegible]
Marriages		21[illegible]
Funerals		41[illegible]
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		12[illegible]
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$1,379 30	
Convention Fund	150 00	
Current expenses	276 95	
Repairs	324 15	
Sunday School	94 00	
Horse and Buggy for Rector	265 25	
		$2,480 6[illegible]
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	123 15	
Parish Aid, $61 15; Chancel Guild, $15 70	77 35	
		200 5[illegible]
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Church Home	222 35	
Diocesan Missions	40 90	
		263 2[illegible]
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	5 00	
Foreign Missions	18 60	
		23 6[illegible]
Total Expenditures		$2,967 9[illegible]

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, PRATTVILLE—Rev. Jesse C. Taylor, Rector.—May 1st, 1884.

Communicants—In 1883, 23	Present No.	23[illegible]
Total Parishioners		23[illegible]
Sunday School—Teachers, 3; Scholars, 20		23[illegible]
Colebration of Holy Communion—Public, 8		8
Baptisms—Infants, 3		3
Funerals		2
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		10
Parochial Exenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$125 00	
Convention fund	13 00	
Current expenses	15 35	
Repairs	26 00	
		$179 35
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion alms	16 00	
Easter offering	5 75	
		21 75
Total Expenditures		$201 10

:MANUEL CHURCH, OPELIKA—Rev. George M. Everhart, Rector.—May to January, 1884.

'ommunicants—In 1883, 17; Died, 2; Removed, 3 .....Present No....12
elebration of Holy Communion—Public, 3; Private, 1,..... 4
aptisms..... 1
onfirmations..... 1
'nnerals..... 2
lumber of months spent in the Parish since last report..... 7

arochial Expenditures—
Salary of Rector.....$35 00
Alabama Western Railroad expenses..... 28 00
Convention fund..... 10 00

'otal Expenditures.....$73 00

Remarks.—As a better field seemed to open at Auburn, and as most of ıe Opelika congregation can attend there, I have given the monthly sercices hitherto given at Opelika to Auburu. Since January I have administered baptism to three adults and presented to the Bishop for confirmaon eight persons. Celebrated the Holy Communion once, and preached ve times and lectured once, and in every case to large, intelligent and evout congregations. The Presbyterian church has been most kindly laced at our service. There are seventeen communicants at Auburn, ot counting those who attend from the Opelika Parish or the four stuents of the A. and M. College.

HURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE—Rev. J. M. Banister, Rector.—May 7th, 1884.

ommunicants—In 1883, 266; Died, 2.....Present No....277
unday School—Teachers, 12; Scholars, about 168.....180
elebration of Holy Communion—Public, 12; Private, 4..... 16
aptisms..... 18
onfirmations..... 13
Iarriages..... 4
'unerals..... 9
lumber of months spent in the Parish since last report..... 9

'arochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector	$1,800 00	
Convention Fund	320 00	
Current expenses	274 85	
		$2,394 85
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	73 05	
Offerings Thanksgiving Day	15 00	
Children's Easter offerings	508 00	
		596 05
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		104 00
haritis and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—	20 00	
Domestic Missions	11 00	
Foreign Missions	11 00	
University of the South	24 00	
Jewish Mission	8 00	
		74 00

tal Expenditures.....$3,168 90

Remarks.—The Communion Alms are less this year than usual, as the tor was absent from the Parish three months during last summer by vote

of his Vestry; and there were but twelve celebrations of Holy Communion at which offerings were presented. The Parish is in a more prosperous condition in every respect than for years past.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOWNDESBORO—REV. JESSE C. TAYLOR, Missionary in Charge.—May 1st, 1884.

Communicants—In 1883, 18.....Present No....18
Total parishioners.....18
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 4.....4
Marriages.....1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report.....10

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$100 00	
Convention Fund	35 00	
		$135 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		5 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Mission to the Jews		2 00
Total Expenditures		$142 00

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE—REV. J. S. JOHNSTON, Rector.—April 30th, 1884.

Communicants—In 1883, —; Died, 9; Removed, 14; Regular, 125; Irregular, 75; Confirmed but never Commune, 94; Unknown, 49; Removed not Transferred, 42.....Present No.... 385
Total parishioners, about.....1,009
Sunday School— —Teachers, 18; Scholars, 150.....168
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 14; Private, 11.....25
Baptisms.....20
Confirmations.....20
Marriages.....12
Funerals.....24
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report.....10½

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$1,800 00	
Convention Fund	300 00	
Current expenses	800 00	
Repairs	250 00	
		$3,150 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	297 80	
Thanksgiving Day	175 00	
		462 80
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Church Home	434 30	
Diocesan Missions	84 75	
Widows and Orphans Deceased Clergymen	23 25	
		542 30
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	22 05	
Foreign Missions	42 20	
University of the South	15 10	
Conversion of Jews	20 00	
		99
Total Expenditures		$4,254

REMARKS.—There are many reasons to "thank God and take courage."

ST. ANDREWS' CHURCH, HAYNEVILLE—Rev. George R. Upton, Priest in Charge.—May 7th, 1884.

Communicants—In 1883, 37; Died, 2; Removed, 5.....Present No....30
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 2..... 2
Baptisms—Infants, 1..... 1
Parochial Expenditures—
Salary of Rector.....$25 00

Remarks.—I visit this Mission as often as possible.

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA—Rev. James H. Stringfellow, Rector.—May 5th, 1884.

Communicants—In 1883, 193; Died, 6; Removed, 5.....Present No....191
Baptized persons not Communicants 300
Total Parishioners 491
Sunday School—Teachers, 10; Scholars, 100 110
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 70; Private, 12..... . 82
Baptisms..... 11
Confirmations..... 9
Marriages..... 4
Funerals..... 9
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report..... 12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$1,200 00	
Convention Fund	150 00	
Current expenses	670 60	
		$2,020 60
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		50 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		212 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Missions to Jews		8 25
Other Contributions for Church Purposes—		1,256 58
Total Expenditures		$3,547 33

Remarks.—Since last report the Church has been consecrated by the Bishop of the Diocese, a Parochial Diocesan Missionary Society formed, and the debt of $1,333 38 on the Rectory paid. The Parish owes nothing, and is generally in a highly prosperous condition.

TRINITY CHURCH, FLORENCE.—May 5th, 1884.

Communicants—In 1883, 40; Died, 1.....Present No....38
Total Parishioners.....50
Sunday School—Teachers, 4; Scholars, 25.....29
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 12.....12
Baptisms..... 5
Funerals..... 1
Number of months spent in Parish since last report 12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$177 00	
Convention Fund	10 00	
Current expenses	25 15	
Towards shingling roof of Church	87 20	
		$299 35

Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	26 55	
Chandalier, $12 00; Hanging Lamp, $4 50	16 50	
		43 05
Other Contributions for Church Purposes—		4 00
Total Expenditures		$346 40

MISSION CHURCH, MONTEVALLO —May 1st, 1884.

Communicants—In 1883, 17; Removed, 1 Present No.	20
Baptized persons not Communicants	25
Total Parishioners	45
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 1	1
Number of months spent in Parish since last report	12
Parochial Expenditures—	
Salary of Rector	$100 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—	
Communion Alms	4 00
Total Expenditures	$104 00

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE —May 1st, 1884.

Communicants—In 1883, 47; Died, 1; Removed, 8 Present No.	42
Baptized persons not Communicants	35
Total Parishioners	77
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 35	40
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 10	10
Baptisms	1
Marriages	1
Parochial Expenditures—	
Salary of Rector	$200 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—	
Communion Alms	27 25
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—	
University of the South	10 55
Total Expenditures	$237 80

GRACE CHURCH, DALLAS COUNTY—Rev. F. B. Lee, Rector.—May, 1884.

Communicants—In 1883, 35; Removed, 3 Present No.		32
Baptized persons not Communicants		26
Total Parishioners		58
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 12; Private, 2		14
Baptisms		2
Funerals		3
Number of Months spent in Parish since last report (at call)		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$54 25	
Convention Fund	15 00	
		$69 25
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		14 40
Total Expenditures		$83 65

Remarks.—A Christmas offering to me of $15 00 and an Easter offer[illegible] to me of $7 25, which are here gratefully acknowledged, are embrace[illegible] the estimate of salary.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, FORK OF GREENE—Rev. Stephen U. Smith, Rector.—May 7th, 1884.

Communicants—In 1884, 12	Present No....	12
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 9		9
Baptisms		5
Funerals		3
Number of months spent in the Parish si ce last report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$150 00	
Convention Fund	15 00	
		$165 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		19 10
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions	2 70	
Widows and Orphans	3 00	
		5 70
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South		2 50
Total Expenditures		$192 30

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, FAUNSDALE—M. S Miller, S. W.—May 7th, 1884.

Communicants—In 1883, 29; Died, 2; Removed, 4	Present No....	25
Celebration of Holy Communion—Private, 1		1
Baptisms		4
Confirmations		2
Funerals		5
Parochial Expenditures—		
Convention Fund	$55 00	
Current expenses	8 60	
		$63 60
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		5 40
Total Expenditures		$69 00

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, UNIONTOWN—W. A. Stickney, Rector.—May 7th, 1884.

Communicants—In 1883, 49; Died, 1; Removed, 2	Present No....	48
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 19; Private, 1		20
Confirmations		1
Marriages		2
Funerals		4
Number of months spent in Parish since last report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$250 00	
Convention Fund	60 00	
Current expenses	33 35	
Repairs (Fence and Painting it)	88 67	
		$432 02
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions	6 20	
Jewish Missions	2 75	
Widows and Orphans Deceased Clergymen	7 00	
		15 95

Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic and Foreign Missions	12 75	
University of the South	6 50	
		19 25
Total Expenditures		$467 22

REMARKS.—In the Diocesan Journals of past years, this Parish appears to have occupied a prominent position financially. Now it is under strain to continue services—meagerly maintaining them bi-monthly. Funds for repairs were raised solely by the activity of the ladies. Besides other work formally reported, I have been able to dispense certain of the Church's offices freely in the country around, partly appearing in some of the Parochial Reports.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, AUTAUGAVILLE—REV. JESSE C. TAYLOR, Missionary in Charge.—May 1st, 1884.

Communicants—In 1883, 5	Present No.	5
Total Parishioners		5
Number of months spent in Parish since last report		10
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$53 85	
Repairs	5 00	
		$58 85
Total Expenditures		$58 85

REMARKS.—The above figures of salary of Rector include all the time from October, 1883, to May, 1884. $37 00 should have been included in last report, but was overlooked in my absence.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, BIRMINGHAM—REV. THOMAS J. BEARD, Rector.—May 5th, 1884.

Communicants—In 1883, 200; Died, 5; Removed, 10	Present No.	250
Sunday School—Teachers, 7; Scholars, 60		67
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 48; Private, 3		51
Baptisms		25
Confirmations		36
Marriages		4
Funerals		9
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		11
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$1,500 00	
Convention Fund	90 00	
Current expenses	164 00	
Repairs	239 52	
Sunday School	38 50	
Repairs of St. John's, Elyton	25 15	
		$2,057 17
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	78 56	
Ladies' Parish Aid Society for Repairs, Organ, and for various purposes	1,300 00	
		1,378 56
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions	90 00	
Society for Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen	20 15	
		110 1

Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	12 40	
Foreign Missions	5 50	
University of the South	20 00	
Jewish Missions	9 65	
Missions Deaf Mutes	10 00	
		57 55
Other Contributions for Church Purposes—		245 00
Total Expenditures		$3,848 43

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SCOTTSBORO—Rev. J. M. Banister, Rector.—May, 1884.

Communicants—In 1883, 24	Present No.	28
Sunday School—Teachers, 7; Scholars, 57		64
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 3		3
Baptisms		1
Confirmations		4
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$60 55	
Convention Fund	12 00	
Current expenses	56 16	
Repairs	97 85	
		$226 56
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		6 00
Total Expenditures		$232 56

Remarks.—As Acting Rector of this Parish, I have given it such attention as my duties in my own, at Huntsville, would permit. Being absent from the Diocese during most of last summer, the usual monthly service was for that time omitted. This is a very interesting field for an earnest worker, and with regular weekly services and the care of a resident Minister, would soon become very fruitful.

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, MARION—Rev. Stewart McQueen, Rector.

Communicants	Present No.	50
Baptized persons not Communicants		10
Total Parishioners		60
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 30		36
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 12; Private 1		13
Confirmations		6
Marriages		1
Number of months spent in the Parish		10
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$229 25	
Convention Fund—1882-'83-'84	95 00	
Repairs on Church and Rectory (about)	650 00	
		$974 25
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	44 75	
Regular Offerings	92 00	
		136 75

Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—
Society Disabled Clergy and Relief of Widows and Orphans Deceased Clergy 5 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—
University of the South 30 00

Total Expenditures $1,191 00
No. of Services held 98
No. of Lectures and Sermons 82

REMARKS.—Services have been held in this Parish three Sundays per month since July 1st, 1883. Up to that time there had not been a resident Rector here for ten or fifteen years. This Parish pays $275 00 towards the Rector's salary; the balance, up to $700 00, is paid by the Convocation of Selma. One Sunday per month is devoted to Missionary work.

CROSS PLAINS MISSION—REV. I. F. SMITH, Evangelist.

Communicants ..... Present No.... 9
Baptized persons not Communicants 5
Total Parishioners 14
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 2 2
Baptisms 1
Confirmations 1

Parochial Expenditures—
Salary of Rector $50 00

REMARKS.—Hitherto the Parochial Report for this Station has been included in the report for St. Luke's, Jacksonville; but a neat little Church has been built and consecrated, and it has been thought advisable to begin to make a separate report for it.

FAUNSDALE CHAPEL, FAUNSDALE, MARENGO COUNTY—REV. W. A. STICKNEY, Rector (Colored Congregation).—May 7th, 1884.

Infants Baptized 4
Marriages 2
Funerals 3

REMARKS.—I have held some half dozen Services, with preaching, and tried to gather the children for instruction in Catechism and simple truths. *Failure* is the only response.

ST. ANDREWS' CHURCH, MACON STATION—REV. R. H. COBBS, Rector.—May 1st, 1884.

Communicants—In 1884, 23; Removed, 3 ..... Present No.... 26
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 11 11
Baptisms 2
Confirmations 4
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report 12
Parochial Expenditures—
Salary of Rector $195 00
Convention Fund 45 00
Current expenses ..... 15 00 — $255 00

Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—
Diocesan Missions 14 50
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—
University of the South 4 00
Widows and Orphans ..... 5 00 — 9 00

Total Expenditures $273 50

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE—Rev. F. B. Lee, Rector.—May, 1884.

Communicants—In 1883, 61; Removed, 3	Present No....		61
Baptized persons not Communicants			50
Total Parishioners			111
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 12; Private, 3			15
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	*$200 50		
Convention Fund	25 00		
		$225 50	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions		37 90	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Foreign Missions	2 00		
Widows and Orphans Deceased Clergy	3 50		
		5 50	
Total Expenditures		$268 90	

Remarks.—I wish to acknowledge here a Christmas offering of $18 46 and an Easter offering of $18 50, which are not included in the estimate of my salary from this Parish.

*Missionary aid of $250 00 not embraced in this amount.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, TALLADEGA—J. F. Smith, Rector.

May 1st, 1884.

Communicants—In 1883, 62; Removed, 2	Present No....		66
Baptized persons not Communicants			60
Total parishioners			126
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 30			36
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 8			8
Baptisms			9
Confirmations			3
Marriages			1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$200 00		
Current expenses	25 00		
Repairs	75 00		
		$300 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion alms		35 00	
Total Expenditures		$335 00	

Remarks.—Owing to the fluctuation in the population of this part of the State, it is very difficult to give an exact report as to the number of communicants.

ST. ALBAN'S PARISH, BROWN'S STATION, DALLAS COUNTY—Rev. W. A. Stickney, Rector.—May 7th, 1884.

Communicants—In 1883, 23; Died, 1	Present No....		22
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 8			8
Confirmations	No visitation of the Bishop		
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector ($10 00 each service received)	$80 00		
Convention Fund	10 00		
		$90 00	

REMARKS.—Services have been rendered once a month except during the winter months, when the condition of the roads prevented. The congregation worship in a house known as the "Union Church." Average attendance has been fair.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, GREENVILLE--REV. GEO. R. UPTON, Rector.
May 7th, 1884.

Communicants—In 1883, 45; Removed, 2	Present No.	45
Sunday School--Teachers, 6; Scholars, 25		31
Celebration of Holy Communion--Public, 15; Private, 2		17
Baptisms—Infants, 4		4
Confirmations		2
Funerals		3
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$500 00	
Convention Fund	40 00	
Current expenses	39 90	
Repairs	45 00	
		$624 90
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish--		
Communion Alms		18 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese--		
Diocesan Missions	11 00	
Society for Relief of Disabled Clergymen and of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen	5 00	
		16 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	7 00	
Foreign Missions	7 00	
University of the South	5 00	
S. S. Easter Offering	22 00	
S. S. Weekly Offerings	15 00	
		56 00
Total Expenditures		$714 90

GRACE CHURCH, ANNISTON--REV. WALLACE CARNAHAN, Rector.
May 6th, 1884.

Communicants—In 1883, 35	Present No.	81
Sunday School--Teachers 13; Scholars, 162		175
Celebration of Holy Communion--Public, 13; Private, 1		14
Baptisms		17
Confirmations		12
Marriages		2
Funerals		9
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		11

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$ 1,800 00	
Convention fund	75 00	
Current expenses	97 40	
Land in Anniston conved to the Church	38,000 00	
Expended on the new Church edifice	8,632 79	
		$48,605 19
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion alms	154 00	
For Sunday School expenses	210 79	
		364

harities and Benefactions in the Diocese--		
Church Home	11 00	
Diocesan Missions	177 71	
For the Society for Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceasd Clergymen, etc	25 00	
		213 71
harities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese--		
Domestic Missions	41 25	
Foreign Missions	13 65	
University of the South	35 00	
New York Bible and Prayer Book Society	11 00	
Mission in Western Texas	15 00	
Society for Conversion of the Jews	5 00	
		120 90
otal Expenditures		$49,304 59

IISSION OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, MOBILE (To Colored People)--

J. L. Tucker, Rector. Isaac M. Williams, Lay Reader.

umber of communicants whose names appeared on the Parish register July 1st, 1883	25
f that enrollment now attending service	9
onfirmations	5
aptisms--Adults, 3; Infants, 1	4
pplications for baptism	12
lass preparing for confirmation	6
unday School	100
ay School	39
inancial Summary—	
ost of lot	$1,000 00
uildings and furniture	3,984 47
alaries	591 10
urrent Expenses	267 50
Total	$5,843 07

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS—Rev. J. A. Harrison, Rector.

May 5th, 1884.

ommunicants--In 1883, 83; Died, 3	Present No	85
unday School—Teachers, 9; Scholars, 60		69
elebration of Holy Communion--Public, 15		15
aptisms		13
onfirmations		6
larriages		1
unerals		7
umber of months spent in the Parish since last report		12
arochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$750 00	
Convention Fund	100 00	
Current expenses	74 65	
		$924 65
harities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	55 85	
Additional	37 00	
		92 85

Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Church Home	28 00	
Diocesan Missions	91 20	
Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergy	19 05	
		138 25
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	8 00	
Foreign Missions	8 00	
University of the South	39 00	
Church week among the Jews	3 55	
		58 55
Total Expenditures		$1,134 30

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FORKLAND—Rev. J. A. Harrison, Rector.

May 7th, 1884.

Communicants—In 1884, 24; Removed, 2	**Present No.**	22
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 35		41
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 8		8
Marriages		1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last report		10
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$200 00	
Convention fund	20 00	
Current expenses	31 15	
Repairs	17 00	
		$268 15
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion alms		30 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		5 00
Total Expenditures		$303 15

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE—Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., Rector.

From May 1st, 1883, to May 1st, 1884.

Communicants—Number reported last year		362
Loss—By death	9	
By removal	10	
Dropped from list	2	
		21
Gain—By removal into the Parish	8	
Admission	1	
Confirmation	24	
		33
Present number of Communicants		374
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 2; female, 17		19
Other officers		4
Scholars		155
Total		178
Number of sessions during the year		52
Average attendance—Scholars, 103; Teachers, 16		119

ficial Acts of Rector—

Baptisms—Infants, 2; Adults, 17	19
Marriages	7
Burials	20
Celebrations of the Holy Communion—Public, 83; Private, 10	93
Public services on Sundays	146
Public services on week days	144
Number of sermons preached	108
Lectures and addresses	72
Instructions to classes in the nature of lectures	70
Sermons or lectures to colored people	10
Official visitations of the sick	51

iscopal Acts—

Informal visitations	3
Official visitations	1
Confirmations	24
Sermons preached	1
Benediction (at marriage services)	1
Funeral services	1
Holy Communion	2

FINANCIAL REPORT.

rochial—Rector's salary		$2,500 00
	Current expenses	2,523 70
	Repairs	815 00
	Charity chapter	839 78
	Building chapter	929 70
	Sunday School chapter	81 00
	Library chapter	489 60
	Church Home chapter	1,000 00
	Altar chapter	343 45
	Repairs and Improvements chapter	58 00
	Samaritan chapter	27 50
	Other items	151 00
ocesan—Support of the Episcopate		625 00
	Diocesan Missions	211 70
neral —Foreign Missions		28 80
	Pere Hyacinth Loyson	39 20
	University of the South	28 95
otal		$10,692 38
which there has been expended		$ 8,490 71
ld for immediate use		1,011 39
ld for future		1,190 28
		$10,692 38

EMARKS.—The Rector regrets that he is unable to give more accurate tistics as regards the number of Parishioners, of families and of indiuals, and that he is in doubt as to the correctness of his list of communants this year. He is just beginning a more accurate registry of the rish, and hopes next year to give full statistical information. In addi- to his own Parochial work, the Rector has charge of the Mission of Good Shepherd, a work among the colored people of Mobile; in which is assisted by three members of Trinity Parish and six members of rist Church.

To the Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D.:

My Dear Bishop: Along with my report of my work in Opelika and Auburn, I herewith send my report as Rector of Hamner Hall.

The school year closing the 16th June, has been the most encouraging, in some respects, of any we have had in the five years of its existence. We have had an average of seventy-two pupils in actual attendance, and with efficient instruction. We shall end the year's work with, I think, results of the most gratifying character.

We still need a place for chapel service, better suited to our daily worship; and if no better arrangement can be made, I hope to be able to utilize the brick building on the east side to chapel purposes next year.

The daily service of the School is beautiful rendered; and its effect is not only apparent in the discipline, order and refinement of the pupils, but upon their religious life. The Confirmation Classes of the Parish Church are largely augmented from year to year by pupils, day and boarding, from Hamner Hall. Wherever Church Schools, not in name but in fact, are training the young in "the beauty of holiness," there emanate influences to live forever.

Besides the duties of Chaplain and Rector, I have assisted in various ways and at different times in St. John's Church, of this city.

Hamner Hall, May 6, 1884. GEORGE M. EVERHART.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, EVERGREEN—Rev. George R. Upton, Rector.—May 7th, 1884.

Communicants—In 1883, 16	Present No.	24
Sunday School—Teachers, 4; Pupils, 15		19
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 9		9
Baptisms—Infants, 5; Adults, 3		8
Confirmations		9
Funerals		1

Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector	$200 00	
Convention	10 00	
Current expenses and repairs	314 11	
Sunday School Easter Offering	13 00	
		$537 11

Remarks.—I visit this mission the third Sunday of each month.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO—Rev. R. H. Cobbs, Rector. May 1st, 1884.

Communicants—In 1883, 119; Removed, 4	Present No.	124
Sunday School—Teachers, 7; Scholars, 60		67
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 15		15
Baptisms		10
Confirmations		6
Marriages		5
Funerals		3
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		12

Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector	$1,016 25	
Convention Fund	150 00	
Current expenses	43 28	
		$1,209 53

harities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Sunday School Offering		185 55
harities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Mission		102 00
harities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	10 00	
Foreign Missions	10 00	
University of the South	24 00	
Widows and Orphans	14 00	
Jewish Missions	11 00	
		69 00
otal Expenditures		$1,556 08

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, TROY—REV. DEB. WADDELL, Rector.

ommunicants—In 1883, 22	Present No.	22
aptized persons not Communicants		40
otal Parishioners		62
unday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 15		20
elebration of Holy Communion		8
onfirmations		2
umber of months spent in the Parish since last report		12
arochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$350 00	
Convention Fund	20 00	
Current expenses	10 00	
		$380 00
harities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		10 00
harities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		30 00
otal Expenditures		$420 00

RINITY CHURCH, UNION SPRINGS—REV. DEB. WADDELL, Rector.—May 7th, 1884.

ommunicants—In 1883, 24	Present No.	30
aptized persons not Communicants		36
otal Par.shioners		66
unday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 25		30
elebration of Holy Communion—Public, 10		10
aptisms		1
onfirmations		6
umber of months spent in the Parish since last report		12
arochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$350 00	
Convention Fund	13 00	
Current expenses	15 00	
Repairs	30 00	
		$408 00
harities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions	20 00	
Widows and Orphans Society	5 00	
		25 00
harities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		64 00
otal Expenditures		$497 00

REMARKS.—The work at this place gradually grows, as it has done for the last ten years; but year by year we lose as many by removals as we bring in by Confirmation.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA—REV. R. W. BARNWELL, Rector.

May 7th, 1884.

Communicants—In 1883, 220; Died, 1; Removed, 1....Present No.		235
Sunday School—Teachers, 13; Scholars, 120		133
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 14; Private, 5		19
Baptisms		12
Confirmations		17
Marriages		1
Funerals		6
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		11
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$1,800 00	
Convention Fund	350 00	
Current expenses	406 23	
Repairs	700 00	
		$3,256 23
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Harvest Home		200 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		132 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South		25 00
Total Expenditures		$3,613 23

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LIVINGSTON.—May 5th, 1884.

Communicants—In 1883, 28; Removed, 2....Present No.		31
Baptized persons not Communicants		30
Total Parishioners		61
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 27		32
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 7		7
Baptisms		6
Confirmations		5
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$140 00	
Convention Fund	50 00	
Current expenses	52 00	
Repairs	35 00	
		$277 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		19 60
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		8 15
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South		6 30
Total Expenditures		$311 05

JENIFER (alias ALABAMA FURNACE) MISSION—I. F. SMITH, Evengelist.—May 1st, 1884.

Present number of Communicants	8
Baptized persons not Communicants	10
Total Parishioners	18
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 25	30
Confirmations	2
Baptisms	2
Parochial Expenditures—	
Salary of Rector	$125 00

REMARKS.—The items of reports from this place have hitherto been included in other reports, but it is thought advisable to make a separate report for this year. We hold a service here once a month in the evening of the same day that we hold a service at Cross Plains in the morning.

GRACE CHURCH, CLAYTON.—1884.

Communicants	22
Baptized persons not Communicants	30
Total Parishioners	52
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 22	27
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public	8
Confirmations	1
Parochial Expenditures—	
Salary of Rector	$ 80 00
Convention fund	20 00
Current expenses	10 00
Communion alms	6 00
Total	$116 00

REMARKS.—Through the advice of the Bishop, I moved in January last from Clayton to Union Springs, and now confine my regular ministrations to Union Springs and Troy. Clayton at present is unsupplied, and will have to be supplied by the Rector of St. James, Eufaula.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, YEAR ENDING MAY 1st, 1884.

Baptisms	283
Confirmations	269
Marriages	85
Funerals	181
Sunday School Teachers	221
Sunday School Scholars	1,948
Communicants	4,076
Communions administered	669
Diocesan Missions	$ 1,844 77
Convention Fund	4,791 48
Domestic Missions	117 70
Foreign Missions	153 50
Jewish Missions	71 80
University of the South	330 00
Total Expenditures	$44,626 50

APPENDIX D.

Report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund submit the following report:

The Treasurer has received the sum of $492.00, being the interest on the Alabama bonds; and has also received the sum of $300.00 from Rev. George M. Everhart, D. D., being a part of the rent of Hamner Hall for the year ending in June next (1884), and has paid out all of these two sums, amounting to $792.00, as shown by his annual account.

The City of Selma bonds have not been sold, as no purchaser could be found at the price fixed by the Convention. We hope that these bonds will eventually be more valuable than they are at present. Sixteen thousand dollars of the Alabama bonds, Class A, have been exchanged for registered bonds, as required by the resolution of the last Convention.

The Trustees declined to purchase the triangular lot adjoining the Hamner Hall property, because they did not believe it was worth the price asked by the owners. They came to this decision after making an examination of the property, and so advised the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Bishop Cobbs Orphans' Home has been put in good repair, and has also been insured by the Vestry of St. John's Parish, Montgomery.

For the condition of the Hamner Hall property, and the improvements thereon since the last Convention, we refer you to the report of the Rev. George M. Everhart, D. D., to this Convention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. H. R. DAWSON,
GEO. O. BAKER,
ISAIAH MORRIS.

APPENDIX E.

N. H. R. Dawson, Treasurer, in Account with the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

1883. *DR.*

July 1—To semi-annual interest on $16,400, Alabama bonds	$246 00
1884.	
Jan. 1—To semi-annual interest on same	246 00
May 1—To amount from Rev. Geo. M. Everhart, D. D., part of rent of Hamner Hall	300 00
	$792 00

1883. *CR.*

July 1—By expenses of trip to Montgomery to examine Hamner Hall property	$ 10 75
1884.	
May 1—By cash paid William Barnewall, Treasurer	781 25
	$792 00

Selma, May 1, 1884.

Statement of Securities Belonging to Bishop's Fund.

Sixteen Alabama Registered Bonds, Class "A"—Nos. 444 to 487, inclusive, and Nos. 470 and 471—$1,000	$16,000
Four Alabama Coupon Bonds, Class "A"—Nos. 8,409, 8,410, 8,411, 8,424—$100	400
One Bond, City of Selma—No. 116	1,000
Three Bonds, City of Selma—Nos. 52, 53, 54—$500	1,500
	$18,900

APPENDIX F.

Diocesan Treasurer's Account.

WILLIAM BARNEWALL, *Treasurer*,

In Account with DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

DR.

1883.				
May 1—To balance of Account rendered.....				$ 253 48
1884.				
May 1—To Anniston Mission	1883–'84..	$ 75 00		
Christ Church, Mobile, ...	" ..	625 00		
Church of Nativity, Huntsville...	" ..	325 00		
Cross Plain Mission.....	" ..	10 00		
St. James Parish, Livingston.....	" ..	35 00		
St. Luke's Parish, Jacksonville...	" ..	30 00		
St. John's Parish, Mobile.....	" ..	150 00		
St. John's Parish, Montgomery,..	" ..	650 00		
St. John's Parish, Tuscumbia.....	" ..	15 00		
St. Mark's Parish, Fork Green ...	" ..	15 00		
St. Paul's Parish, Carlowville	" ..	18 75		
St. Paul's Parish, Decatur	" ..	20 00		
St. Paul's, Greensboro.....	" ..	150 00		
St. Paul's Parish, Lowndesboro..	1882–'83 }	45 00		
do. do. do. ..	1883–'84 }			
St. Paul's Parish, Selma.....	" ..	350 00		
St. Stephens Parish, Eutaw.....	" ..	50 00		
St. Peter's Church, Talladega....	" ..	20 00		
Trinity Church, Mobile	" ..	300 00		
Montevallo Mission.....	" ..	13 00		
St. James Parish, Eufaula.....	1882–'83..	125 00		
Church of Advent, Birmingham..	1883–'84..	90 00		
Church of Holy Cross, Uniontown	" ..	60 00		
St. Mark's Parish, Troy.....	" ..	20 00		
Grace Church, Clayton.....	" ..	20 00		
St. Andrews Parish, Macon	" ..	45 00		
St. John's Parish, Falkland	" ..	20 00		
St. Mary's Parish, Evergreen.....	" ..	10 00		
St. Michael's Parish, Marengo....	" ..	55 00		
St. Wilfrid's Parish, Macon.....	1882–'83 }	95 00		
do. do. do.	1883–'84 }			
St. Thomas Parish, Greenville....	" ..	40 00		
Trinity Parish, Demopolis.....	" ..	100 00		
Trinity Church, Union Springs...	" ..	13 00		
St. Albans, Brown Station	" ..	10 00		
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.....	" ..	150 00		
St. Matthews, Autaugaville, on acct.	" ..	7 00		
Received from Col. N. H. R. Dawson, Tr. Bishop's Fund Interest, '83–'84.....		781 25		4,538 [illegible]
				$4,791 [illegible]

CR.

1—By Amount paid Rev. R. H. Cobb, '82–'83..	$ 100 00		
Amt. paid Sexton Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	10 00		
Amt. paid Wm. Barnewall, Treas'r Diocese..	50 00		
Amt. paid Printing and Distributing Sermon Rev. J. S. Johnston	21 25		
Amt. paid for sight check New York, assessment General Convention.....$78 00			
Exhange 20	78 20		
Amt. paid Cabannis & McCall printing 500 copies Journal.....$141 00			
Exchange 36	141 36		
Amt. paid for premium life policy Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer	122 50		
Amt. paid Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer in full for 1883–'84	4,000 00		
		4,523 31	
Balance to credit cash in hand		$ 268 17	
To balance brought down	$ 268 17		
Received after closing account—			
St. Paul's Parish, Carloville, 1883–'84	6 25		
Grace Church, Dallas, 1883–'84	15 00		
Scottsbore Mission	12 00		
Emanuel Parish, Opelika, 1883–'84	10 00		
Trinity Church, Florence, 1883–'84	15 00		
St. Paul's Church, Decatur, balance 1883–84	5 00		
Balance to credit cash in hand	$ 331 42		

WILLIAM BARNEWALL,
Treasurer Diocese of Alabama.

Parishes in Arrears, 1883-'84.

len Mission, 1881–'82, 1883–'84	$ 20 00
ndrews Parish, Hayneyille, 1883–'84	20 00
lbans' Church, Gainesville, 1881–'82, 1882–'83, 1883–'84	30 00
avis' Parish, Dallas, 1882–'83, 1883–'84	20 00
mes' Parish, Eufaula, 1883–'84	110 00
ike's Church. Cahawba, 1883–'84	20 00
ark's, Prattville, 1883–'84	13 00
atthew's, Autaugaville, four years	70 00
ul's Parish, Lowndesboro, 1883–'84	35 00
ul's Parish, Spring Hill, three years	70 00
'otal	$408 00

WILLIAM BARNEWALL,
Treasurer Diocese of Alabama.

APPENDIX G.

Account of Treasurer Diocesan Mission Fund.

R. MIDDLETON, *Treasurer*,

In Account with DIOCESAN MISSION FUND:

DR.

COLLECTIONS AT SUNDRY TIMES.

From	Christ Church, Mobile	$ 214 70
"	St. John's Church, Montgomery	387 30
"	Trinity Church, Tuscaloosa	151 15
"	Grace Church, Anniston	160 55
"	St. Paul's Church, Selma	132 00
"	St. Paul's Church, Greensboro	102 00
"	Trinity Church, Mobile	94 70
"	Church of the Advent, Birmingham	90 00
"	Church of the Nativity, Huntsville	104 00
"	Trinity Church, Demopolis	69 75
"	St. John's Church, Mobile	40 90
"	Union Springs	27 35
"	St. Thomas Church, Greenville	7 50
"	St. Stephens, Eutaw	15 05
"	St. Andrews' Church, Macon	14 50
"	St. James' Church, Eufaula	14 35
"	Seale Station	12 80
"	St. Mark's Church, Troy	13 00
"	St. James' Church, Livingston	8 15
"	St. John's (??), Forkland	5 00
"	St. Mark's Church, Forkland	2 70
"	Grace Church, Clayton	1 50
"	St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville	3 70
Balance at Last Convention		172 12
Total		$1,844 77

CR.

DISBURSEMENTS AT SUNDRY TIMES.

By	Bishop's	draft,	favor	Rev.	F. B. Lee	Voucher	A...	$ 50 00
"	"	"	"	"	DeB. Waddell	"	B...	50 00
"	"	"	"	"	S. McQueen	"	C...	44 40
"	"	"	"	"	B. F. Mower	"	D...	50 00
"	"	"	"	"	Mission Services	"	E...	25 00
"	"	"	"	"	Jesse Taylor	"	F...	387 30
"	"	"	"	"	J. F. Smith	"	1...	50 00
"	"	"	"	"	Mission Books	"	2...	15 00
"	"	"	"	"	DeB Waddell	"	3...	50 00
"	"	"	"	"	J. F. Smith	"	4...	33 70
"	"	"	"	"	DeB Waddell	"	5...	39 65
"	"	"	"	"	B. F. Mower	"	6...	50 00
"	"	"	"	"	F. B. Lee	"	7...	75 00

By Bishop's draft, favor Rev.					DeB Waddell	"	8...	75 00
"	"	"	"	"	G. R. Upton	"	9...	25 00
"	"	"	"	"	G. R. Upton	"	10...	25 00
"	"	"	"	"	Mission Books	"	11...	10 00
"	"	"	"	"	B. F. Mower	"	12...	25 00
"	"	"	"	"	J. F. Smith	"	13...	50 00
"	"	"	"	"	DeB. Waddell	"	14...	75 00
"	"	"	"	"	Mission Books	"	15...	10 00
"	"	"	"	"	S. McQueen	"	16...	300 00
"	"	"	"	"	Missions in N. Alabama	"	17...	54 00
Balance in National Commercial Bank								275 72
Total								$1,844 77

APPENDIX H.

Registrar's Report.

To the Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D, President of the Convention:

DEAR SIR—I beg leave to render this my annual report as Registrar of this Diocese.

I have received the following papers during the past year:

1. Copy of deed to Church property in Tuscaloosa.
2. Sentence of Consecration of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.
3. Deed to Church property in Anniston.
4. Deed to lot to Grace Church, Dallas county.
5. Sentence of Consecration of Grace Church, Dallas county.
6. Instrument of Devotion of Church lot in Cross Plains.
7. Sentence of Christ Church, Cross Plains.

Respectfully snbmitted,

T. GARDNER FOSTER, *Registrar.*

APPENDIX I.

Hamner Hall Rent Account.

GEORGE M. EVERHART,

In account with HAMNER HALL PROPERTY.

DR.

For rent one year to June 30th, 1884		$560 00

CR.

	Voucher.			
Balance due G. M. E. as per last report			$ 10 47	
1883				
June 4—Cash paid Surry Grant	A	$ 1 65		
Sept. 20—Cash paid Surry Grant	A	60 65		
			62 30	
Oct. 4—Cash paid Kennedy, Paints, Oils, Etc.	B		16 88	
Oct. 4—Cash paid Stewart, Lumber	C	5 17		
Dec. 20—Cash paid Stewart, Lumber	C	31 31		
1884				
Jan. 1—Cash paid Stewart, Lumber	C	4 08		
			40 56	
1883				
July 19—Cash paid Hardware	D		2 52	
July 21—Cash paid Lime	E		2 50	
July 21—Cash paid Jim (Plasterer)	F		5 00	
Oct. 31—Cash paid Fence Building	G		3 00	
Nov. 2—Cash paid Carpenter Work	H		4 20	
1884				
Feb. 7—Cash paid Carpenter Work	I		3 75	
1883				
Oct. 27—Cash paid Carpenter Work	J		12 00	
1884				
Jan. 9—Cash paid Carpenter Work	K		4 50	
Feb. 7—Cash paid Snow, Hardware	L		7 05	
May 6—Cash paid on account			300 00	—$474 73
Balance				$85 27

The above balance of $85 27 is due Trustees of Funds and Property on June 30th, 1884, unless required for improvement of buildings, in accordance with resolutions of the Convention of 1882.

Respectfully submitted,

E. & O. E. GEO. M. EVERHART.

Montgomery, Ala., May 7, 1884.

APPENDIX J.

Proceedings of the Society for Relief of Disabled Clergymen, and of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

SELMA, May 9th, 1884.

The Society was called to order in St. Paul's Church, the Rev. Dr. Stringfellow being made Chairman. The roll was called and the following members answered to their names:

Rev. R. W. Barnwell,	Rev. T. J. Beard,
Rev. R. H. Cobbs,	Rev. W. Carnahan,
Rev. Geo. M. Everhart, D. D.,	Rev. J. A. Harrison, D. D.,
Rev. J. S. Johnston,	Rev. Stewart McQueen,
Rev. H. K. Rees,	Rev. J. F. Smith,
Rev. H. Stringfellow, D. D.,	Rev. J. H. Stringfellow,
Rev. W. A. Stickney,	Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D.,
Rev. F. B. Lee,	Rev. J. C. Taylor,
Rev. G. R. Upton,	Rev. DeB. Waddell,
Mr. H. A. Tayloe,	Mr. C. E. Waller,
Mr. W. A. Bibb,	Mr. D. Buell,

Mr. R. M. Nelson.

The following report was presented and read:

The Executive Committee of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen and of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen was called to order by the President in Tuscaloosa May 4th, 1883. All the members were present.

On motion, the following instructions were given to the Treasurer:

1st. To send Mrs. Ticknor the sum of $50.00

2nd. To Register all the Alabama Bonds belonging to the Society.

3rd. To invest the balance on hand in Class A, Registered Alabama Bonds.

4th. To Register the Georgia Bonds in his possession, or sell them and invest in Bonds which could be Registered

Mr. C. E. Waller and the Secretary were appointed a Sub-Committee to ascertain the number and extent of the claims against the Society.

The Executive Committee met again in Selma May 8th, and the Sub-Committee reported as follows:

We, the undersigned, appointed a Sub-Committee to ascertain the number and extent of claims against the Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen and of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, beg to report: That we have carefully examined the printed Records of the Society and find only one claim now existing, that of the Rev. F. B. Lee, who, in 1857, was made a life member. In regard to the extent of this claim, we beg to transcribe a resolution adopted by the Society in 1857:

Resolved, That for and in consideration of $500.00 received from St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, they shall be entitled to receive, in the contingencies recognized by the Constitution, the largest annuity allowed by said Constitution to a member of the $40.00 class. Such benefit, however, not to extend beyond the case of the first minister who shall receive such annuity: Provided, however, that this arrangement shall not be taken for a precedent.

According to the provisions of the Constitution, Rev. F. B. Lee, in case of disability, would be entitled to receive $320.00 per annum; or, in case of his death, his widow could claim that amount per annum for life.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. COBBS,
C. E. WALLER.

This report was received and concurred in by the Executive Committee.

R. H. COBBS, Secretary.

This report of the Executive Committee was received, and, on motion, was concurred in by the Society.

The Treasurer then presented his report, which, on motion, was referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. J. S. Johnston, Mr. D. Buell, Mr. H. A. Tayloe.

This committee reported the same as correct in all respects, and this report was concurred in.

R. M. NELSON, Treasurer, in account with
Society for Relief of Disabled Clergymen.

1883.	*DR.*	
April 30	—To balance on hand	$2,608 45
May 3	—Collection Christ Church, Tuscaloosa	28 45
	—C. E. Waller, annual dues '83–'4	5 00
May 4	—A. Hill, annual dues '83–'84	5 00
	—W. W. Screws, annual dues '83–'84	5 00
	—H. B. Lee, annual dues '83–'84	5 00
	—W. A. Bibb, annual dues '83–'84	5 00
	—B. L. Wyman, annual dues '83–'84	5 00
	—J. N. Gilmer, annual dues '83–'84	5 00
	—David Buell, annual dues '83–'84	5 00

		—C. L. Stickney, annual dues '83–'84	5 00
		—Robert Jemison, annual dues '83–'84	5 00
		—E. N. C. Snow, annual dues '83–'84	5 00
		—Dr. P. Bryce, annual dues '83–'84	5 00
		—E. O. Hurd, life membership	50 00
		—J. H. Fitts, life membership	50 00
		—R. M. Nelson, life membership	50 00
July	1	—3 coupons on Georgia 7 per cent. bonds.....(35)..	105 00
		—1 coupon on Alabama 6 per cent. bond, No. 733	15 00
July	2	—July interest on 7 Alabama "A" bonds	105 00
Nov.	6	—Church of Advent, Birmingham	5 00
Dec.	1	—St. Paul's, Greensboro	14 00
		—St. Andrew's, Macon Station	5 00
Dec.	6	—Mrs. H. Young and Wm. Turner Andrews	10 00
Dec.	29	—Grace Church, Anniston	15 00
1884.			
Jan.	24	—Trinity Church, Demopolis	19 05
Mar.	5	—St. Stephens' Church, Eutaw	3 00
		—St. Marks' Church, Fork of Greene	3 00
April	21	—Trinity Church, Mobile	23 25
Jan.	1	—Half int. $10.000 "A" bonds at 3 per cent., Jan., '84..	150 00
		—Half int. $3,000 Ga. bonds at 7 per cent., Jan., '84....	105 00
		—Half int. $500 Ala. bonds at 6 per cent., Jan., '84....	15 00
May	5	—Interest on various demand loans	65 00
May	9	—St. Thomas' Church, Greenville	5 00
		—Grace Church, Anniston	15 15
		—Church of Advent, Birmingham	15 15
		—St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion	5 00
		—St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro	1 70
		—Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	7 25
		—F. M. Dansby	2 00
		Total	$3,555 45

1883. *CR.*

May	18	—By expressage on 7 Ala. "A" bonds exchanged for registered bonds	$ 2 50
May	29	—By expressage on 3 Ga. bonds, $1,000 each, to Atlanta for registration	4 10
June	25	—Mrs. Ticknor (resolution of Executive Committee)...	50 00
		—Registration fees Ga. bonds	1 50
June	29	—Bank of Mobile for Class "A" bond	845 85
		—John B. Manning, Class A bonds, Nos. 5,895, 1,657...	1,660 00
		—Expressage on same from New York	4 25
		—Class "A" bond for $500 at 83c	415 00
		Balance on hand	572 25
		Total	$3,555 45

The following communication was presented and and read:

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, held May 4th, 1884, this resolution was passed:

WHEREAS, Rev. F. B. Lee having been Rector of this Parish for upwards of forty years, and in all probability will continue to be such until death;

Resolved, That in consideration of his long and faithful service to us, the Life Membership claim to the Disabled Clergy Society of the Incumbent dying in this Parish be hereby transferred to the sole use and benefit of Rev. F. B. Lee.

W. A. BIBB.

On motion, the Society assented to this arrangement, and the transfer was formally made.

The Rev. F. B. Lee, in open session of the Society, then waived all other claims upon the Society, except the one recognized and set forth in the report of the Executive Committee, and in the above resolution of the Vestry of St. Paul's Parish, Carlowville.

Rev. R. H. Cobbs was elected Secretary, and R. M. Nelson, Treasurer; and Rev. R. W. Barnwell and C. E. Waller were elected members of the Executive Committee.

On motion, the Society adjourned *sine die*.

RICHARD H. WILMER,
President Ex Officio.

R. H. COBBS, *Secretary.*

The General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

To the Secretary of the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama:

SIR:—In compliance with the requirements of Article 9 of the Constitution, I would hereby officially make known, through you to the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, that the following alterations of the Constitution of the Church are proposed, to wit, those comprised in the two resolutions subjoined, said resolutions having been constitutionally adopted by a General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, held in the city of Philadelphia, Pa., in October, A. D. 1883, to wit:

I. It was, by concurrent action of the two Houses of the Convention (*vide* Journal of Convention, pp. 240, 263, 279, 280),

Resolved, That Articles 2 and 3 of the Constitution be amended by substituting the words "House of Deputies" for the word "Convention" in the fourteenth line of Article 2 of the Constitution as printed in the Digest of 1880, and that the words "House of Deputies" be, in like manner, substituted for the word "Convention" in the twelfth line of Article 3, as printed above;

So that the Articles shall read as follows:—

ARTICLE 2.

The Church in each Diocese shall be entitled to a representation of both the Clergy and the Laity. Such representation shall consist of not more than four Clergymen and four Laymen, communicants in this Church, residents in the Diocese, and chosen in the manner prescribed by the Convention thereof; and in all questions when required by the Clerical or Lay representation from any Diocese, each Order shall have one vote; and majority of suffrages by Dioceses shall be conclusive in each Order, provided such majority comprehend a majority of the Dioceses represented in that Order. The concurrence of both Orders shall be necessary to constitute a vote of the House of Deputies. If the Convention of any Diocese should neglect or decline to appoint Clerical Deputies, or if they should neglect or decline to appoint Lay Deputies, or if any of those of either Order appointed should neglect to attend, or be prevented by sickness or any other accident, such Diocese shall nevertheless be considered as duly represented by such Deputy or Deputies as may attend, whether Lay or Clerical. And if, through the neglect of the Convention of any of the Churches which shall have adopted or may hereafter adopt this

Constitution, no Deputies, either Lay or Clerical, should attend at any General Convention, the Church in such Diocese shall nevertheless be bound by the acts of such Convention.

ARTICLE 3.

The Bishops of this Church, when there shall be three or more, shall, whenever General Conventions are held, form a separate House, with a right to originate and propose acts for the concurrence of the House of Deputies composed of Clergy and Laity; and when any proposed act shall have passed the House of Deputies, composed of Clergy and Laity; and when any proposed act shall have passed the House of Deputies, the same shall be transmitted to the House of Bishops, who shall have a negative thereupon; and all acts of the Convention shall be authenticated by both Houses. And in all cases the House of Bishops shall signify to the House of Deputies their approbation or disapprobation (the latter with their reasons in writing), within three days after the proposed act shall have been reported to them for concurrence; and in failure thereof, it shall have the operation of a law. But until there shall be three or more Bishops, as aforesaid, any Bishop attending a General Convention shall be a member *ex officio*, and shall vote with the Clerical Deputies of the Diocese to which he belongs; and a Bishop shall then preside.

II. It was by concurrent action of the two Houses of Convention (*vide* Journal of Convention, pp. 130, 273, 274, 300–303),—

Resolved, That Article 4 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the word "and" in the third line of said Article, and inserting in place thereof the words following: —

"*Provided*, That, when a Missionary Jurisdiction shall be organized as a Diocese, the Bishop of such Jurisdiction shall become the Bishop of the new Diocese; and

"*Provided*, further, That when a part of a Missionary Jurisdiction shall be organized as a new Diocese, the Bishop of such Jurisdiction shall become the Bishop of the new Diocese, or, at his election, remain the Bishop of that part of such Jurisdiction not included in the new Diocese;" and leaving the residue of the said Article to stand as an independent paragraph;

So that the Article shall read as follows: —

ARTICLE 4.

The Bishop or Bishops in every Diocese shall be chosen agreeably to such rules as shall be fixed by the Convention of that Diocese; *Provided*, That, when a Missionary Jurisdiction shall be organized as a Diocese, the Bishop of such Jurisdiction shall become the Bishop of the new Diocese; and *Provided*, further, That, when a part of a Missionary Jurisdiction shall be organized as a new Diocese, the Bishop of such Jurisdiction shall become the Bishop of the new Diocese, or, at his election, remain the Bishop of that part of such Jurisdiction not included in the new Diocese.

Every Bishop of this Church shall confine the exercise of his Episcopal Office to his proper Diocese, unless requested to ordain, or confirm, or perform any other act of the Episcopal Office in another Diocese by the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof.

In testimony whereof, I have this day hereunto affixed my name.

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS,
Secretary of the House of Deputies.

MEDFORD, MASS., April 14, 1884.

MOBILE, ALA., May 2d, 1884.

To the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama:

The General Convention of 1880, appointed a very able Commission to consider the subject of "The Tenure of Church Property." The Commission made a report to the last General Convention recommending that this subject be urgently presented to the attention of the several Dioceses.

It is of the utmost importance that upon the title of every separate property dedicated to the uses of the Church, there be impressed a trust which will be so clear and well defined as to secure it for all time against diversion, and to protect it against the contingency of being alienated from its legitimate use, either directly or through the medium of incumbrances, even by the action, or with the assent of those who happen for the time being to be entitled to its use.

The Commission recommended that if the Diocese be incorporated (as is the case in this Diocese) that provision be made by amendment to the charter, if deemed advisable, for the *administration of trusts and property interests by* a board of trustees with some degree of permanence, rather, than by so transitory and changeable a body as the Diocesan Convention.

The following resolutions reported by the Commission were adopted by the General Convention of 1883.

Resolved, That it is recommended to each Diocese, to obtain without delay, such legislation as may be found necessary with respect to the existing law of the State, for the protection of its property, real and personal, and whether held for Diocesan or Parochial uses.

Resolved, That all real estate held in any Diocese, for Diocesan or Parochial purposes, should have the use for which it is held, impressed upon its title.

Resolved, That a form of conveyance should be provided, under which churches shall acquire title to real estate, with proper limitations in trust.

Resolved, That a permanent board of trustees, with proper provision for filling vacancies, should be legally incorporated in each Diocese to take charge of and control all such property of the Diocese or its parishes as may be intrusted to it. When the Diocese is incorporated, the act of incorporation should provide for the exercise of its corporate powers in the care of property and the admin-

istration of trusts by a board of trustees having some permanent organization, rather than directly by the Diocesan Convention.

In view of this important action of the General Convention, and to give effect to its recommendations, I would respectfully suggest to this convention the propriety of adopting the following resolutions:—

First: Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to examine the act of incorporating the Diocease of Alabama, and also the provisions of the Code of Alabama, authorizing the incorporation of parishes, and to report to the next convention, what amendment, if any, is needed to secure the due care of Church property and the administration of trusts, whether Diocesan or Parochial, and whether of strictly ecclesiastical or eleemosynory, educational or benevolent in their character: And that said Committee be also empowered by and with the consent and approval of the Bishop and Standing Committee, to submit to the next legislature, and ask the passage of such amendatory or other law as they may agree upon to further secure these objects.

Second: That said Committee be also authorized to prepare and report to the next ensuing Convention a form of conveyance, under which the Diocese or any of the parishes may acquire real or personal property, with proper limitations in trust to secure such property fom alienation or diversion from its legitimate use, and that such form, when adopted, be printed and circulated as part of the Journal of each Covention, and that said Committee be further authorized to examine the Canons of this Diocese upon this subject, and report any amendments or addition necessary or advisable.

Much valuable information and suggestions can be had by conference with the commission of the General Convention, which has been continued for the express purpose of assisting, when requested, and with whom no doubt, your Committee will communicate.

Very respectfully,

JAMES BOND,
Chancellor of the Diocese.

32625

Diocese of Alabama.

Fifty-Fourth Annual Convention,

May 20th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd,

1885.

UNION SPRINGS, ALA.:
D. F. McCALL, Diocesan Printer.
1885.

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Resident in the Diocese of Alabama.

MAY 20, 1885.

Rt. Rev. RICHARD H. WILMER, D.D. LL.D.,.....Mobile.
Rev. W. T. Allen, Rector St. James Church.....Livingston.
" J. M. Banister, D. D., Rector Church of the Nativity,.Huntsville.
" R. W. Barnwell, Rector St. Paul's Church .....Selma.
" T. J. Beard, Rector Church of the Advent.....Birmingham
" Wallace Carnahan, Pector Grace Church .....Anniston.
" R. H. Cobbs, D. D., Rector St. Paul's Church.....Greensboro.
" Thos. O. Cook,.....Alpine P. O.
" G. M. Everhart, D. D., Rector Hamner Hall.....Montgomery
" J. J. Harris (Deacon) Assistant .....Tuskaloosa
" J. A. Harrison, D. D., Rector Trinity Church .....Demopolis.
" D. F. Hoke (Deacon).....
" G. H. Hunt.....
" J. S. Johnston, Rector Trinity Church.....Mobile.
" Reese P. Kendall (Deacon) .....Kirkland.
" W. W. Kimball, Rector St. Paul's Church.....Whistler.
" F. B. Lee, Rector St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.....P. O. Minter.
" Stewart McQueen, Rector St. Wilfrid's Church....Marion.
" B. F. Mower, Rector Trinity Church .....Florence.
" A. W. Pierce, Mission of the Good Shepherd .....Mobile.
" Erastus W. Spalding, D. D., Rector St. James Ch...Eufaula.
" S. M. Smith, Rector St. Stephen's Church.....Eutaw.
" J. F. Smith, Rector St. Peter's Church.....Talladega.
" W. A. Stickney, Rector Ch. of Holy Cross, Uniontown.Faunsdale.
" Horace Stringfellow, D.D., Rector St. John's Ch...Montgomery
" J. H. Stringfellow, Rector Christ Church.....Tuskaloosa.
" J. L. Tucker, D. D., Rector Christ Church.....Mobile.
" G. R. Upton, Rector St. Thomas Church.....Greenville.
" Jas. A. Van Hoose (Deacon), Assistant..... ....Birmingham
" DeB. Waddell, Rector Trinity Church .....Union Springs

Officers of the Convention.

PRESIDENT:

RT. REV. RICHARD HOOKER WILMER, D.D. LL.D.

SECRETARY:

REV. R. H. COBBS, D. D., Greensboro.

TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE:

MR. WILLIAM BARNEWALL, Mobile.

TREASURER OF THE DIOCESAN MISSIONARY FUND:

MR. ROBERT MIDDLETON, Mobile.

REGISTRAR:

MR. T. GARDNER FOSTER, Montgomery.

CHANCELLOR OF THE DIOCESE:

MR. JAMES BOND, Mobile.

STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE:

REV. J. S. JOHNSTON,
" J. L. TUCKER, D.D.,
" H. STRINGFELLOW, D.D.,
MR. JAMES BOND,
" R. S. BUNKER,
" H. T. TOULMIN.

TRUSTEES OF THE BISHOP'S FUND:

MR. N. H. R. DAWSON, MR. JOSIAH MORRIS, MR. J. H. FITTS.

TREASURER OF THE BISHOP'S FUND:

MR. N. H. R. DAWSON.

TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH:

REV. T. J. BEARD, MR. R. F. MICHEL, MR. ELLIS PHELAN.

TREASURER of the UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH FOR ALABAMA

MR. H. A. LOWE, Mobile.

MISSIONARY BOARD:

RT. REV. R. H. WILMER, D.D.

REV. J. M. BANISTER, D.D.
" T. J. BEARD,
" H. STRINGFELLOW, D.D.
" R. H. COBBS, D.D.
" J. S. JOHNSTON,
MR. PERCY GORDON,
" J. W. NOBLE,
" W. W. SCREWS,
" C. E. WALLER,
" W. H. ROSS.

List of Parishes and Mission Points in the Diocese of Alabama, May 6, 1885.

Anniston—Grace Church	Rev.	W. Carnahan.
Athens—St. Timothy's Church	"	J. A. Van Hoose.
Auburn—No Building	"	G. M. Everhart.
Autaugaville—St. Matthews' Church	"	DeB. Waddell.
Brierfield—No Building	"	J. F. Smith.
Bon Secour—No Building	"	W. W. Kimball.
Birmingham—Church of Advent	"	T. J. Beard.
Fork of Greene—St. Mark's Church	"	W. T. Allen.
Brown's Station—No Building	"	W. A. Stickney.
Calera—No Building	"	J. F. Smith.
Camden—St. Mary's Church		Vacant.
Carlowville—St. Paul's Church	"	F. B. Lee.
Citronelle	"	W. W. Kimball.
Clayton—Grace Church	"	E. W. Spalding, D.D.
Claiborne—No Building		Vacant.
Cross Plains—Christ Church	"	J. F. Smith.
Dallas County—Grace Church	"	F. B. Lee.
Dallas County—St. Luke's Church	"	Stewart McQueen.
Dallas County—St. David's Church		Almost extinct.
Decatur—St. Paul's Church	"	J. A. Van Hoose.
Demopolis—Trinity Church	"	J. A. Harrison, D.D.
Eufaula—St. James' Church	"	E. W. Spalding, D.D.
Eutaw—St. Stephen's Church	"	S. U. Smith.
Evergreen—St. Mary's Church	"	G. R. Upton.
Forkland—St. John's Church	"	J. A. Harrison, D.D.
Florence—Trinity Church	"	B. F. Mower.
Gainesville—St. Alban's Church	"	W. T. Allen.
Gadsden—No Building	"	T. J. Beard.
Greensboro—St. Paul's Church	"	R. H. Cobbs, D.D.
Greenville—St. Thomas' Church	"	G. R. Upton.
Hayneville—St. Andrew's Church	"	G. R. Upton.
Huntsville—Church of the Nativity	"	J. M. Banister, D. D.
Jacksonville—St. Luke's Church	"	J. F. Smith.
Lowndesboro—St. Paul's Church	"	G. R. Upton.
Livingston—St. James' Church	"	W. T. Allen.
Marion—St. Wilfrid's Church	"	Stewart McQueen.
Marengo County—St. Michael's Church		Vacant.
Montevallo Mission	"	J. F. Smith.
Morgan County—Grace Church	"	J. A. Van Hoose.
Montgomery—St. John's Church	"	H. Stringfellow, D.D.
Mobile—Christ Church	"	J. L. Tucker, D.D.
Mobile—Trinity Church	"	J. S. Johnston.

Mobile—St. John's Church		Vacant.
Mobile—Good Shepherd Church	Rev.	A. W. Pierce.
Opelika—Emanuel Church		Vacant.
Prairieville—St. Andrew's Church	"	R. H. Cobbs, D.D.
Prattville—St. Mark's Church	"	DeB. Waddell.
Pushmataha—Calvary Church	"	W. A. Stickney.
Scale Mission	"	DeB. Waddell.
Selma—St. Paul's Church	"	R. W. Barnwell.
Scottsboro—St. Luke's Church	"	J. M. Banister, D.D.
Spring Hill—St. Paul's Church		The Bishop.
Talladega—St. Peter's Church	"	J. F. Smith.
Tuskaloosa—Christ Church	"	J. H. Stringfellow.
Tuscumbia—St. John's Church	"	B. F. Mower.
Troy—St. Mark's Church	"	DeB. Waddell.
Uniontown—Church of Holy Cross	"	W. A. Stickney.
Union Springs—Trinity Church	"	DeB. Waddell.
Whistler—St. Paul's Church	"	W. W. Kimball.
Grand Bay	"	W. W. Kimball.

Deaconesses:

ter Harriet	Church	Home,	Mobile.
" Irene	"	"	"
" Rebecca	"	"	"
" Elizabeth	"	"	"
" Sarah	"	"	"
" Belle	"	"	"
" Mary	"	"	"

Candidate for Deacon's Orders:

Louis L. Williams.

Lay Readers:

). F. Slaughter, Talladega.
as. Allen, Churchale
R. Bourne, Anniston.
t. Shaler, Tuscumbia.
T. Waddell, Seale.
. B. Mitchell, Seale.
ER M. Day, Huntsville.
M. Dausby, Calera.
David Mingo, Faunsdale.
Chas. L. Stickney, Greensboro.
Ed. L. Stickney, Greensboro.
A. Benners, Greensboro.
Percy Gordon, Huntsville.
Dan'l Coleman, Huntsville.
Jno. S. Slaughter, Talladega.
F. B. Lang, Tilden.

Examiners:

/. H. Stringfellow, D. D.
R. H. Cobbs, D. D.
T. J. Beard,
Jno. A. Harrison, D. D.
Rev. J. M. Banister, D. D.
" J. S. Johnston,
" J. L. Tucker, D. D.
" W. A. Stickney.

List of Deans and Convocations:

Convocation of Mobile—REV. J. S. JOHNSTON, Dean.

Convocation of Montgomery—REV. H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D., Dean.

Convocation of Selma—REV. R. H. COBBS, D. D., Dean.

Convocation of Birmingham—REV. T. J. BEARD, Dean.

Convocation of Huntsville—REV. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., Dean.

1. Convocation of Mobile—Embraces County of Mobile and parts adjacent.

2. Convocation of Montgomery—Embraces Counties of Montgomery, Conecuh, Butler, Lowndes, Autauga, Lee, Russell, Pike, and Barbour.

3. Convocation of Selma—Embraces Counties of Dallas, Perry, Marengo, Hale, Choctaw, and Fork of Greene.

4. Convocation of Birmingham—Embraces Counties of Jefferson, Tuskaloosa, Sumter, Greene, St. Clair, Shelby, Bibb, Talladega, and Calhoun.

5. Convocation of Huntsville—Embraces Counties of Madison, Jackson, Limestone, Morgan, Lawrence, Franklin, and Lauderdale.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE, May 6, 1885.

This being the time and place fixed for the assembling of the DIOCESAN CONVENTION for the year 1885, after morning prayer by the Rev. J. S. JOHNSTON, the Convention was called to order, and there were found to be present, of the Clergy, the Rev. J. S. JOHNSTON; of the laity, H. T. TOULMIN, W. C. BLACK and L. A. GEORGE, of Trinity Parish, Mobile; and HERBERT JONES and JAMES BOND, of St. John's Parish, Mobile.

Rev. J. S. JOHNSTON presided as President pro tem., and Mr. JAMES BOND was appointed Secretary pro tem.

No quorum being present, the Convention adjourned till May 20th, 1885.

J. S. JOHNSTON, *Pres. pro tem.*

JAMES BOND, *Sec'y pro tem.*

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FIRST DAY.

The Fifty-Fourth Annual Convention of the PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, in the Diocese of Alabama, met pursuant to adjournment, in Trinity Church, Mobile, May 20, 1885.

Morning prayer was said at 11 o'clock A. M., and the sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. STRINGFELLOW, from Ephesians iii. 21:

Unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by Rev. J. S. JOHNSTON, Rector of the Parish.

Immediately after service, the Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. President, who presented the following

List of Clergy Entitled to Seats in Convention, May 6, 1885:

RT. REV. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

*Rev. W. T. Allen,	Rev. J. M. Banister, D. D.
" T. J. Beard,	" W. Carnahan,
" G. M. Everhart, D. D.	" John J. Harris,
" J. S. Johnston,	" W. W. Kimball,
" Stewart McQueen,	" B. F. Mower,
" S. U. Smith,	" J. F. Smith,
" Horace Stringfellow, D. D.	" J. H. Stringfellow,
" Geo. R. Upton,	" J. A. Van Hoose,
" R. W. Barnwell,	" R. H. Cobbs,
" John A. Harrison, D. D.	" F. B. Lee,
* " E. W. Spalding, D. D.	" W. A. Stickney,
" J. L. Tucker, D. D.	" DeB. Waddell.

* Not entitled to vote.

The Secretary of the last Convention called the list, as thus presented, and the following answered:

RT. REV. R. H. WILMER, D. D. LL.D.

Rev. W. T. Allen,	Rev. J. M. Banister, D. D.
" T. J. Beard,	" R. H. Cobbs,
" J. S. Johnston,	" W. W. Kimball,
" B. F. Mower,	" E. W. Spalding, D. D.
" J. F. Smith,	" W. A. Stickney, D. D.
" J. L. Tucker, D. D.	" Geo. R. Upton, D. D.
" R. W. Barnwell,	" John A. Harrison, D. D.
" F. B. Lee,	" S. U. Smith,
" J. H. Stringfellow,	" DeB. Waddell.

As provided for by Canon, the Treasurer presented the following

List of Parishes Entitled to Representation in this Convention:

Christ Church, Mobile.	Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.
St. Paul's Church, Selma.	St. Paul's Church, Greensboro.
Trinity Church, Athens.	Christ Church, Cross Plains.
St. John's Church, Mobile.	St. Paul's Church, Decatur.
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro.	St. Paul's Church, Whistler.
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.	St. Peter's Church, Talladega.
Trinity Church, Florence.	St. John's Church, Montgomery.
Trinity Church, Mobile.	St. Mark's Church, Prattville.
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.	St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.
Grace Church, Dallas Co.	Montevallo Mission.
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.	Grace Church, Anniston.
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.	St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.
Church of the Advent, Birmingham.	Trinity Church, Demopolis.
St. James' Church, Livingston.	Church of Holy Cross, Uniontown.
St. Alban's Church, Brown's Station.	St. Mark's Church, Boligee.
St. Thomas Church, Greenville.	St. Mary's Church, Evergreen.

Church of the Good Shepherd, Mobile.

The list of Parishes so entitled was called, and credentials of Lay Deputies were presented and referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. J. S. JOHNSTON, Rev. J. F. SMITH, Rev. DEB. WADDELL.

This committee reported the following Lay Delegates entitled to seats:

Christ Church, Mobile.

R. S. Bunker,		R. B. Owen,
W. H. Ross,	H. A. Lowe,	T. S. Fry.

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

J. H. Fitts, A. Hill,
C. Maxwell, E. N. C. Snow, A. K. Shepard,

St. Paul's Church, Selma.

N. H. R. Dawson, Wm. Berg,
R. M. Nelson, E. G. Gregory, Frank Boykin, Jr.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro.

C. L. Stickney, A. Benners,
C. Derrick, C. E. Waller, T. K. Jones.

Christ Church, Cross Plains.

Jacob F. Daily.

St. John's Church, Mobile.

James Bond, Dan Harris,
H. A. Tonsmier, Herbert Jones, W. J. McCown.

St. Paul's, Whistler.

W. T. Sawyer, C. E. Kimball.

St. Peter's Church, Talladega.

Otis Nickles, W. D. Riddle.

Trinity Church, Mobile.

H. T. Toulmin, F. J. McCoy,
O. F. Cawthorn, L. A. George, G. Owen.

St. Mark's Church, Prattville.

T. C. Smith, D. B. Booth.

Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

P. M. Dox, D. Coleman,
Milton Humes, Percy Gordon, L. H. Wilson.

St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.

J. D. Alison, B. Reynolds, Jr.
Isaac Youngblood, W. A. Bibb.

Montevallo Mission.

French Nabors.

Grace Church, Anniston.

J. W. Noble, J. B. Rees,
R. P. Huger, M. R. James, G. A. Noble.

St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.

Peyton Rowan, Frank Fitch.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.

R. H. Evins, James Gregory,
T. E. Lockhart, S. L. Niolan, C. L. Wiley.

Church of the Advent, Birmingham.

G. R. Ward, R. H. Pearson,
H. J. Winn, Chas. Mountjoy, M. J. Milner.

Trinity Church, Demopolis.

G. J. Michael, F. G. Lyon, C. B. Whitfield.

St. James' Church, Livingston.

W. R. DeLoach, T. Clanton.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

Edwin Shield, J. M. Langhorne. J. W. Bush.

St. Alban's Church, Brown's Station.

T. H. Lewis, C. R. Gwin.

St. Mark's Church, Boligee.

E. F. Bouchelle, Isaiah Smaw.

St. Thomas Church, Greenville.

D. G. Dunklin, E. Crenshaw, A. W. Metcalf.

St. Mary's Church, Evergreen.

P. D. Bowles, N. Stalworth, L. W. Savage.

Church of the Good Shepherd, Mobile.

F. H. Threet, A. W. Pierce.

Their names being called, the following were found to be present, viz.:

Mr. R. S. Bunker,	Mr. R. B. Owen,	Mr. H. A. Lowe,
" A. K. Shepard,	" T. K. Jones,	" James Bond,
" W. T. Sawyer,	" H. T. Toulmin,	" F. J. McCoy,
" Percy Gordon,	" Frank Fitch,	" H. J. Winn,
" C. B. Whitfield,	" N. Stalworth,	" L. W. Savage,
" F. H. Threet,		" Herbert Jones.

A quorum being present, the Convention was declared to be duly organized.

Rev. R. H. COBBS was nominated and elected Secretary.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 10 o'clock Thursday.

SECOND DAY.

MOBILE, May 21st, 1885.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After prayer by the President, the roll was called, and a quorum was found to be present. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and amended, and, as amended, were approved.

Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, Rev. W. CARNAHAN, and Rev. STEWART MCQUEEN, and Mr. C. E. WALLER and Mr. J. W. NOBLE, appeared and took their seats.

Trinity Church, Union Springs, was declared by the Treasurer to be entitled to representation, and certificates of

election of Lay Delegates were presented from that Parish and St. John's Church, Montgomery.

These certificates were declared to be in due form, and the names of delegates being called, Mr. W. W. SCREWS, of St. John's Church, Montgomery, and Mr. D. F. MCCALL, of Trinity Church, Union Springs, appeared and took their seats.

On motion, the Rules of Order of the last Convention were adopted for the government of this Convention.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That visiting clergy, and candidates for orders, who are in the city, be invited to seats in this Convention.

Under this resolution, the Rev. A. I. DRYSDALE, of Christ Church, New Orleans, appeared and took his seat.

The following Standing Committees were announced by the President:

Committee on the State of the Church.—Rev. J. M. Banister, D. D., Rev. J. S. Johnston, Rev. F. B. Lee, Rev. J. F. Smith, Rev. B. F. Mower, Rev. W. Carnahan, Rev. Stewart McQueen, and Messrs. R. S. Bunker, C. B. Whitfield, O. F. Cawthorn, L. W. Savage, A. K. Shepard.

Committee on Canons—Rev. H. Stringfellow, D. D., Rev. T. J. Beard, Rev. John A. Harrison, D. D., and Messrs. James Bond, H. T. Toulmin, C. E. Waller.

Committee on Finance—Messrs. R. M. Nelson, W. H. Ross, D. G. Dunklin, F. J. McCoy, W. W. Screws, D. F. McCall, and Rev. W. A. Stickney, Rev. S. U. Smith.

Committee on Unfinished Business—Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D., and Mr. D. F. McCall.

The Bishop of the Diocese then read his Annual Address, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to prepare a record in regard to the Rev. W. J. PERDUE, and place the same upon a separate page of the Journal.

The Secretary presented the Summary of the Historical Papers relating to the various Parishes, as instructed by the last Convention, and, on motion, the Rule of Order was suspended, and the consideration of this report was postponed.

On motion, the Rule of Order was suspended, and the reading of Parochial Reports was dispensed with, and said reports were presented and laid upon the President's table.

On motion, the Rule of Order was suspended, and the election of the Standing Committee was postponed.

A petition in regard to the Hamner Hall property was presented and referred to the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, who were instructed to act in conjunction with the Bishop and decide the matter finally.

Mr. S. L. NIOLAN, of St. Wilfrid's Parish, Marion, appeared and took his seat.

The Convention then proceeded to vote by ballot for the Standing Committee of the Diocese—Rev. W. CARNAHAN and Mr. CAWTHORN being appointed Tellers.

The balloting resulted in the election of Rev. J. S. JOHNSTON, Rev. J. L. TUCKER, D. D., Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D., and Messrs. JAMES BOND, R. S. BUNKER, H. T. TOULMIN.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended, and Messrs. C. E. WALLER, W. W. SCREWS, J. W. NOBLE, W. H. ROSS, and PERCY GORDON, were elected Lay Members of the Board of Missions.

On motion, the election of Delegates to the General Convention was postponed to the next Convention.

A resolution of the Vestry of Grace Church, Anniston, inviting the Convention to hold its next session in that Parish, was presented and read; and, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the next session of this Convention be held in Grace Church, Anniston, beginning the third Wednesday in May, 1886.

The Reports of the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund, and of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, were presented, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Notification of the proposed changes in the Prayer Book was officially received, with a copy of the Book annexed, from the Secretary of the House of Deputies of the General Convention, and a committee, consisting of Rev. R. H. COBBS, D. D., Rev. JOHN A. HARRISON, D. D., Rev. W. A. STICKNEY, and Messrs. A. BENNERS, R. M. NELSON, T. B. ROY, were

ıppointed to consider these proposed changes, and report to :he next Convention of the Diocese.

Mr. WILLIAM BARNEWALL was nominated and elected Treasurer of the Diocese.

Mr. ROBERT MIDDLETON was nominated and elected Treasırer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

The Convention then voted by ballot for Trustees of the Bishop's Fund—Rev. W. W. KIMBALL and Mr. T. K. JONES ›eing appointed Tellers. The balloting resulted in the elec·ion of N. H. R. DAWSON, JOSIAH MORRIS and J. H. FITTS—Mr. DAWSON being designated as Treasurer.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 10 o'clock Friday.

THIRD DAY.

MOBILE, ALA., May 22d, 1885.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After ›rayer, the roll was called, and a quorum found to be present. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and ap›roved.

Mr. JOEL WHITE, of St. John's Church, Montgomery, ıppeared and took his seat.

The Report of Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, and the Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese, were presented, and, ›n motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following Annual Communication from the Standing Committee of the Diocese was presented:

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL ACTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE SINCE LAST CONVENTION OF DIOCESE.

May 14, 1884.—Rev. J. S. Johnston was elected President, and James Bond, Secretary, of this Committee.

Consent was given to the consecration of the Rev. S. D. Ferguson, as Missionary Bishop of Cape Palmas, and parts adjacent, Africa; and to the Rev. W. J. Boone, as Bishop of Shanghai, China.

May 26, 1884.—Recommended John J. Harris, of Tuskaloosa, Ala., to ›e ordained Deacon.

June 9, 1884.—Recommended Louis L. Williams to be admitted a can·didate for Holy Orders.

July 14, 1884. Audited and passed to payment the bill of the Diocesan Printer, $186.56.

July 21, 1884.—Consent was given to the consecration of the Rev. Nelson S. Rulison, as Assistant Bishop of Central Pennsylvania.

October 6, 1884.—Recommended C. B. Wilmer to be ordained Deacon.

November 11, 1884.—Consent was given to the consecration of Rev. Wm. Paret, D. D., as Bishop of Maryland.

December 22, 1884.—Consent was given to the consecration of Rev. Geo. Worthington, S.T.D., as Bishop of Nebraska.

March 17, 1885.—Audited and passed to payment, a bill of Diocesan Printer, for $107.

J. S. JOHNSTON,
President.

JAMES BOND,
Secretary.

A Report from the Rector of Hamner Hall was presented and read, and, on motion, referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. R. H. COBBS, D. D., Rev. T. J. BEARD, Messrs. W. W. SCREWS and C. E. WALLER.

This Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee report that they have examined the Report and Vouchers of Geo. M. Everhart, D. D., Rector of Hamner Hall, and find the same correct; but cannot say, whether or not, they are proper credits under the contract. They further ascertain, that the $343 36 due July 1st, is held for repairs, either in whole or in part, of vital importance, as shown by the Report of the Rector, after consultation with an architect. With this additional expenditure, your Committee are of the opinion that your property will be in a first-class condition. It is already the most valuable asset under the control of the Diocese, and bids fair to increase in value year by year. Your Committee recommend that the Bishop of the Diocese, acting in conjunction with the Rector of St. John's Parish, Montgomery, make arrangements for the continuation of the School, and that the terms of rent be fixed by the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, by and with the approval of the Bishop.

Respectfully submitted. R. H. COBBS, T. J. BEARD,
W. W. SCREWS, C. E. WALLER.

On motion, this report was received and concurred in.

On motion, it was

Resolved. That the thanks of this Convention be, and are hereby tendered, to the Rector and Vestry of Trinity Parish, and to the other church people of this city, who have so hospitably entertained the members of this body.

On motion, the thanks of this Convention were tendered to the various Railroad Companies of the State for their

courtesy in offering reduced rates to the members of the Convention.

The following was presented and read:

The Committee on Finance beg to report that they have examined and audited the accounts of Robert Middleton as Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, and find that, including the balance on hand at the last Convention, he has received the sum of $1,748 69
and that he has properly expended the sum of..... 1,561 17

leaving in his hands a balance of..... $ 187 52

The Committee further report that they have also examined and audited the accounts of William Barnewell, Esq., as Treasurer of the Diocese, and find that, including the balance on hand at the last Convention, he has received the sum of..... $4,507 42
and that he has properly expended the sum of..... 4,346 89

leaving in his hands a balance of..... $ 160 53

The Committee further report that they have examined and audited the accounts of N. H. R. Dawson, as Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund, and considered the Report of the Trustees.

There was no balance on hand at the last Convention, and the Treasurer has received from the interest on $16,000 00 of Alabama Bonds, the sum of $492 00
and that he paid over to Mr. William Barnewall, as Treasurer of the Diocese, the sum of 492 00
leaving no balance on hand.

The Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund appears not to have received any of the rents of the Hamner Hall property due under the terms of the Lease heretofore made under your direction.

The Treasurer of the Diocese appears to have received on account of said rents, the sum of $100. As the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund are responsible for the increase of said Fund, it seems to your Committee proper that the rents from Hamner Hall, now the most valuable asset belonging to this trust, should be paid to the Treasurer of the Fund by the Lessee, that officer being the only one designated by you as the proper official to receipt therefor.

The Committee submit the following as

THE REQUIREMENTS FOR 1885-'86.

Bishop's Salary	$4,000 00
Premium on Policy of Insurance on Life of Bishop	122 50
Secretary of Convention	100 00
Treasurer of the Diocese	50 00
Expenses of Convention	15 00
Printing Journal	122 50
	$4,410 00

And the following as the

ESTIMATED RESOURCES FOR 1885-'86.

Due from delinquent Parishes (see Exhibit A), estimated good	$ 300 00
Approximate interest from Bishop's Fund	600 00
Assessments for 1885-6	3,879 00
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer	160 53
	$4,939 53

EXHIBIT A.

PARISHES IN ARREARS 1884-'85.

Emanuel Church, Opelika	$ 10 00
St. Mark's Church, Troy	20 00
Gadsden Mission	10 00
Grace Church, Clayton	20 00
St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville, '82, '83, '84, each $10	30 00
St. Andrew's Church, Macon	45 00
St. Alban's Church, Gainesville	5 00
St. David's Church, Dallas County	5 00
St. James' Church, Eufaula, '83-4, $110; '84-5, $110	220 00
St. John's Church, Forkland	20 00
St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene	15 00
St. Matthews' Church, Autaugaville	5 00
St. Michael's Church, Marengo County	55 00
St. Mary's Church, Camden, '80-1, $10; '81-2, $10; '82-3, $10, '84-5, $5	35 00
St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill	5 00
Total	$ 500 00

E.E. MOBILE, May 21, 1885.

WM. BARNEWALL, Treasurer Diocese of Alabama, would recommend that the following arrears be remitted:

St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville	$ 30 00
St. Mary's, Camden	35 00
	$ 65 00

22d May—Received after closing account:

St. Michael's, Marengo	$ 40 00

EXHIBIT B.

ASSESSMENTS ON PARISHES AND MISSIONS FOR 1885-6.

Christ Church, Mobile	$ 625 00
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	150 00
Church of the Advent, Birmingham	150 00
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	50 00
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville	320 00
Christ Church, Cross Plains	10 00
Emanuel Church, Opelika	10 00
Gadsden Mission	10 00
Grace Church, Anniston	100 00
Grace Church, Clayton	20 00
Grace Church, Dallas County	10 00
Montevallo Mission	10 00
St. Alban's Church, Gainesville	5 00
St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville	10 00
St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station	45 00

St. David's Church, Dallas County	5 00
St. James' Church, Eufaula	110 00
St. James' Church, Livingston	40 00
St. John's Church, Forkland	20 00
St. John's Church, Mobile	125 00
St. John's Church, Montgomery	650 00
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia	15 00
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville	20 00
St. Luke's Church, Scottsboro	15 00
St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene	15 00
St. Mark's Church, Prattville	13 00
St. Mark's Church, Troy	20 00
St. Mary's Church, Camden	5 00
St. Mary's Church, Evergreen	10 00
St. Matthews' Church, Autaugaville	5 00
St. Michael's Church, Marengo County	55 00
Calvalry Church, Pushmataha	5 00
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville	25 00
St. Paul's Church, Decatur	25 00
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro	150 00
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro	35 00
St. Paul's Church, Selma	350 00
St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill	5 00
St. Paul's Church, Whistler	5 00
St. Peter's Church, Talladega	20 00
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw	50 00
St. Thomas' Church, Greenville	40 00
St. Timothy's Church, Athens	18 00
St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion	45 00
Trinity Church, Demopolis	100 00
Trinity Church, Florence	15 00
Trinity Church, Mobile	300 00
Trinity Church, Union Springs	13 00
St. Alban's Church, Brown's Station	5 00
Brierfield Mission	10 00
	$3,879 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. M. NELSON, *Chairman.*

D. G. DUNKLIN, S. U. SMITH, W. A. STICKNEY,
W. W. SCREWS, D. F. MCCALL.

On motion, this report was received and concurred in.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Bishop and the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, in any arrangement they may make for the renewal of the Lease of Hamner Hall, shall reserve to themselves the right to grant the petition of the parties asking for ground to open a street, if, in their opinion, it be desirable.

The subject of the Historical Papers relating to the various Parishes was then brought before the Convention, and the Report prepared by the Secretary was read.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That, instead of printing the history of the various Parishes in the Journal of this Convention, it be published in pamphlet form as soon as the accurate history of all the Parishes in the Diocese be ascertained.

Be it further Resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention be requested to address a Circular Letter to the Clergy, asking for a history of their respective Parishes.

The following was presented and read:

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report the following business standing over for the consideration of this Convention.

On the third day of the Session of 1884, the following report was adopted:

The Committee on Canons respectfully report that they have considered the communication from Mr. James Bond, Chancellor of the Diocese, and recommend that a portion of the first of the resolutions offered by him be adopted, to wit:

Resolved. That a Committee of Five be appointed to examine the Act Incorporating the Diocese of Alabama, and also the provisions of the Code of Alabama authorizing the incorporation of Parishes, and report to the next Convention what amendments, if any, be needed to secure the due care of Church Property, and the administration of trusts, whether Diocesan, or Parochial, and whether strictly ecclesiastical or eleemosynary, educational, or benevolent in their character.

Respectfully submitted.

R. H. Cobbs,
D. F. McCall.

No report being presented by this Committee, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of Three be appointed to carry out this purpose.

Messrs. James Bond, H. T. Toulmin, F. B. Clark, Jr., were appointed said Committee.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have printed 500 copies of the Journal of this Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 10 o'clock Saturday.

FOURTH DAY.

MOBILE, May 23, 1885.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After prayers, the roll was called, and a quorum found to be present. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Mr. G. OWEN, Mr. T. S. FRY, and Mr. DAN HARRIS appeared and took their seats.

The Committee on the State of the Church presented the following Report, which, on motion, was received:

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to submit the following Report:

In the first place, they must call the attention of the Clergy to the fact, that there is a Blank Form of Report which has been adopted by the Convention, copies of which are distributed by the Secretary one month before the meeting of the Convention, and your Committee would emphasize the importance of having the Reports conform to the Printed Form, instead of being made out, as some are, on sheets of ordinary paper.

Secondly, your Committee would suggest the addition of the two following items to the present form, viz.: The Number of Families in each Parish and Mission Station, and, The Value of Church Property.

Your Committee have to report a slight falling off in several items: As Sunday School Pupils, Baptisms and Communicants, but think it probable that this is owing to the very imperfect Reports from portions of the Diocese.

There is a very small increase in the number of Confirmations. There is also a small increase in the offerings for Diocesan Missions.

They note with pleasure the fact that, since the last meeting of the Convention, four efficient Presbyters have been added to the Bishop's Staff of Clergy, who are working in fields that have been long vacant. We trust that this may be a hopeful sign that the time is not distant, when every position once occupied by this Church, in days of former prosperity, shall be re-taken; so that those scattered sheep which have been long without a shepherd, may again enjoy the blessing of the Church's services, and their children, the inestimable benefits of her moral training.

While we may indulge this hope, we must not blind our eyes to the fact, that there is no present indication of any decided improvement, except in a few favored localities. In order that there may be an advance along the whole line, not only holding old places, but occupying new, and throwing out scouts and pickets far to the front, in places where the voice of this Church has never as yet been heard, it is necessary that the Laity, to whom God has committed the means, should be made to feel the importance of contributing liberally of their substance; so putting into

the hands of the Bishop, our leader, the money necessary to employ the men to labor in these advanced fields, and also in those that never have been reached by us.

A Diocese that reports upwards of 4,000 communicants, and $60,000.00, expended mostly for Parochial purposes, should be ashamed to put at the disposal of its Bishop, the pitiful sum of only $2,000, to extend the influence of this Church within his jurisdiction.

There are doubtless ten Laymen in the Diocese, communicants of the Church, sworn soldiers of Jesus Christ, their Saviour, to whom they owe all they are, or have, or hope to be, who together, annually, burn up more than this in the one item of cigars, not to mention other things. How can these Christian men, redeemed as they suppose themselves to be, by the precious blood of the Son of God, meet Him in the judgment, and give in their account to Him with "joy and not with grief?"

In the meeting of the Board of Missions, which was a most interesting one, the Bishop said he wanted 100 Laymen in the Diocese of Alabama, to pledge him personally only $10.00 each for the Missionary work of the Diocese. All the Lay members of the Board responded promptly and cheerfully. If all others who are able to do the same, will, upon hearing or reading of this Report, "Go and do likewise," the next Report of the Committee on the State of the Church, instead of being apologetic or complaining, will be more encouraging.

Your Committee desire to put on record here, that it may be read and pondered by our Laity, that two Christian men of the Presbyterian Church in Kentucky, give $2,500.00 each per annum, for the Missionary work of their Church in that State. Like-minded Laity among ourselves, who would do what they could, if not so much as these, would soon make this Church a praise and glory in all parts of our Commonwealth.

Your Committee feel that this subject of Diocesan Missions is the burning question of the hour. We must back our claims by better deeds, or else we will become a by-word and a reproach among the people. We have no right to congratulate ourselves upon any apparant improvement in the stronger Parishes, whilst we neglect the waste places, and see our brethren have need, and shut up the bowels of our compassion from them. If we do this thing, how can the love of God dwell in our hearts? and without this most excellent gift of charity, we are but as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

It is with pleasure and thanksgiving to Almighty God, that we note the greatly improved health of our beloved Diocesan, and pray that he may be spared many years to rule over us in strength, wisdom and gentleness.

In concluson, your Committee would say that they are not ignorant that this Report differs somewhat from previous ones on this subject, but it is their belief that good results will follow, if its suggestions are heeded. Respectfully submitted.

J. S. JOHNSTON, *Chairman.*

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of Three be appointed to prepare a Blank Form for Parochial Reports.

Rev. J. L. TUCKER, D. D., Rev. J. S. JOHNSTON, Rev. T. J. BEARD, were appointed on this Committee.

The Report of this Committee was received and concurred in, and the Blank Form will be printed in the Appendix.

Notice, in writing, was given of the following proposed changes in the Constitution:

In Article 2, after the words "convenient place," insert the words "or time."

Wherever in the Constitution the word "Convention" occurs, to strike it out and substitute the word "Council."

The proposed changes were approved by a two-thirds vote of the Convention, and referred for action to the next Convention.

On motion, the Report of the Hamner Hall Committee presented yesterday, was reconsidered; the recommendation embodied in that Report was withdrawn, and, on motion, the following amendment was made:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund be directed to Lease the Hamner Hall property for a term of years, to such a Lessee as the Bishop of the Diocese, and the Rector of St. John's Church, Montgomery, may select, for a Church School—the terms of the Lease to be determined by the Bishop.

On motion, the Report, as amended, was adopted.

On motion, the Convention took a recess till 2 o'clock.

MOBILE, May 23, 1885.

The Convention reassembled at 2 o'clock. The Minutes were read and approved; and, on motion, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

RICH'D H. WILMER, *Bishop and President ex-officio.*

R. H. COBBS, *Secretary.*

[APPENDIX A.]

BISHOP WILMER'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

—TO THE—

Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, May 20, 1885.

The Annual Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, held in Selma, May, 1884, adjourned to meet at Grace Church, Anniston, first Wednesday in May, 1885.

Early in April, 1885, I was advised by the Vestry of said Church that, for many reasons, it would be impracticable to accommodate the Convention at Anniston.

Accordingly, I exercised my constitutional prerogative, and directed the Secretary of the Convention to notify the Clergy and Parishes that the Convention would be held in Trinity Church, Mobile, first Wednesday in May, 1885.

In pursuance of said notification, a meeting of the Clergy and Laity convened at Trinity Church, Mobile, first Wednesday in May. There being no quorum, the members present adjourned the Convention to the 20th of May, at Trinity Church, Mobile.

In pursuance of such action, I am here to take counsel with the brethren, and give the following account of my labors during the Conventional year just closed, viz.:

1884—May 7th—I met the Convention of the Diocese in St. Paul's Church, Selma; Convention Sermon by Rev. H. K. Rees, of St. John's Church, Mobile.

After organizing the Convention, I was compelled by sickness to vacate the Chair, and to absent myself during the remainder of the Session. This was the first time during an Episcopate of twenty-three years, that I have failed to preside at meetings of the Convention. In pursuance of the wishes of the Convention, I devoted several months succeeding the Convention to recreation, doing only such duties as

were imperative. I shall not give a detailed account of official duties performed during the Summer and early Fall. Suffice it to say, that I confirmed one person at St. John's Church, Mobile.

May 26th—One person at Christ Church, Mobile.

June 1st—Preached and confirmed four persons at Church of the Good Shepherd, Mobile; solemnized a marriage at Spring Hill; confirmed a sick person belonging to St. John's Church, Mobile; and baptized two infants at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

Whilst absent from home, I preached whenever health and opportunity permitted.

November 9th—(22nd Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Whistler. This long vacant Parish is now supplied by the services of the Rev. Wm. W. Kimball, appointed Missionary of the Mobile Convocation.

November 12th—Officiated at the funeral of the late Col. G. Jordan.

November 16th—(23rd Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Church of the Good Shepherd, Mobile.

November 18th—Confirmed a sick person in private.

November 23rd—(Sunday before Advent)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile.

November 27th—(Thanksgiving Day)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile.

November 30th—(1st Sunday in Advent)—Preached and celebrated Holy Communion at St. John's Church, Mobile.

December 7th—(2nd Sunday in Advent)—Preached at the Jail of Mobile County.

December 14th—(3rd Sunday in Advent)—Held Service at Spring Hill.

December 21st—(4th Sunday in Advent—Held Service at Spring Hill.

December 25th—(Christmas Day)—Preached and celebrated Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

December 28th—(Sunday after Christmas)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile; confirmed six persons and celebrated Holy Communion.

Same day, at the Oratory of the Church Home, admitted a Probationer for the Order of Deaconesses.

1885—January 4th—(2nd Sunday after Christmas)—At Trinity Church, Mobile, I dedicated the newly erected Spire of that Church. It had been erected to the glory of God, in memory of a beloved daughter, by her father, Mr. Cawthon, a vestryman of Trinity Church. This dear daughter of the Church, whose name is thus indissolubly connected with the Church Building, had received her baptism, confirmation, and first Communion in this Sanctuary. She had plighted her matrimonial vows at its altar, and her remains were borne thence to their last resting place on earth. It was meet and fit

that the beautiful Spire of Trinity Church should commemorate one whose whole life had been nurtured at its altar—and ever aimed heavenward.

January 6th—(Epiphany)—At St. John's Church, Mobile, after an address by the Rev. J. S. Johnston, made an address to the congregation; instituted Miss Mary Johnson, of Mississippi, Deaconess, and celebrated Holy Communion.

After Service, confirmed a sick person in private, presented by Rev. H. K. Rees.

January 11th—(1st Sunday after Epiphany)—Participated in Divine Service at St. John's Church, Mobile.

January 18th—(2nd Sunday after Epiphany)—Held Service at Spring Hill.

January 25th—(3rd Sunday after Epiphany)—Held Service at Spring Hill.

January 26th—Confirmed sick person in private, presented by Rev. H. K. Rees.

February 1st—(Septuagesima Sunday)—Preached and celebrated Holy Communion at St. John's Church, Mobile.

February 4th—Preached at St. Timothy's Church, Athens.

February 5th—Preached at same Church and celebrated Holy Communion.

February 5th—Evening of same day, preached at St. Paul's Church, Decatur.

February 6th—Preached and celebrated Holy Communion in same Church.

February 8th—(Sexagesima Sunday)—Preached at Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, and confirmed twenty-seven persons—two by Bishop of Easton—twenty-nine persons. I was prevented at this time, by stress of weather, from fulfilling several appointments for Northern Alabama.

February 15th—(Quinquagesima Sunday)—Preached at Church of the Advent, Birmingham; confirmed seven persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

February 18th—(Ash Wednesday)—Preached, morning and evening, at St. Paul's Church, Greensboro.

February 19th—Preached at St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.

February 20th—Preached at same Church.

February 22nd—(1st Sunday in Lent)—Preached, morning and afternoon, at Christ Church, Tuskaloosa; confirmed twelve persons and celebrated Holy Communion. At Morning Service, I made Deacon, John J. Harris—licensing him also to preach.

March 1st—(2nd Sunday in Lent)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile.

March 8th—(3rd Sunday in Lent)—Held my Annual Visitation at Trinity Church, Mobile; preached, and confirmed twenty-five persons.

March 15th—(4th Sunday in Lent)—Preached, and confirmed seventeen persons in Christ Church, Mobile.

March 20th—Confirmed a sick person in Mobile; candidate presented by the Rev. J. S. Johnston.

March 20th—Preached at St. Mary's Church, Evergreen.

March 21st—Preached again, at same Church.

March 22nd—(5th Sunday in Lent)—Preached at St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, and confirmed six persons.

It is my painful duty to record the death of Mr. David Buell, of this place. Mr. Buell had been for many years, both by the liberal bestowal of his worldly goods and by his personal labors, the stay and support of St. Thomas' Church, Greenville. For many years, he had kept up the Services of the Church, and held together the congregation by Lay-reading—the people attending these services with commendable and exceptional regularity. He was also a Lay Deputy from this Diocese to the last General Convention, and took the deepest and most intelligent interest in its proceedings. I had, for many years, esteemed him as one of our foremost laymen, and looked forward to the time when he would take the position in the Councils of the Church to which he was entitled by his intelligence and weight of character. How inscrutable, and past finding out, are the dealings of an all-wise Providence! We can only say, "Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight!"

March 24th—Preached at St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville, and confirmed one person.

March 25th—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro, and confirmed one person.

March 26th—Delivered a Lenten Lecture at St. John's Church, Montgomery.

March 27th—Failed to meet my appointment at Prattville, because of stress of weather.

March 28th—Lectured at St. John's Church, Montgomery.

March 29th—(Sunday next before Easter)—Preached, morning and afternoon, at St. John's Church, Montgomery, and confirmed thirty-seven persons.

It afforded me great gratification to find that the Choristers of St. John's still held their place, and led the songs of praise in the Sanctuary. It was my privilege to confirm five of the Christian boys at this visitation. May the time soon come when our dear boys shall take their place in the worship of God in all our Churches, and pass on to the higher ministries of the Sanctuary.

It becomes again my melancholy duty to record the loss, from the Church on earth, of one of our most dearly beloved laymen, Mr. A. R. Bell, of St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Mr. Bell was one of a class of men in the Church who adorned the Doctrine of God, our Saviour, in all things. Such men are the

growth of the Church. Never in the way of any healthful growth, never out of the way when his peculiar talent was called for; quiet, unobtrusive, and earnest, he illustrated in his every day life all the virtues of the Christian character. What a multitude of such souls are being gathered into the Sanctuary above, day by day. It is, indeed, refreshing to the spirit to look away from the din, and turmoil, and mammonism, of this world to the peace, and quiet, and rest of Paradise, where the souls of the faithful, being delivered from the burden of the flesh, do dwell in perpetual felicity.

March 31st—Preached, morning and evening, at St. Mark's Church, Troy; confirmed one person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

April 1st—Preached at Seale, Russell county.

April 2nd—Preached again at same place; confirmed three persons, and celebrated Holy Communion. We hope to find a Church erected here at the next visitation.

April 2nd—(Holy Thursday)—Preached at Evening Service in Trinity Church, Union Springs; confirmed one person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

April 3rd—(Good Friday)—Preached at same Church, and celebrated Holy Communion.

April 4th—Preached at St. James' Church, Eufaula, and baptized an infant. Also, celebrated Holy Communion with a sick person in private.

April 5th—(Easter Sunday)—Preached at St. James' Church, Eufaula; confirmed eight persons, and celebrated Holy Communion. In the afternoon, participated in the Children's Easter Festival.

April 6th—(Monday in Easter Week)—Baptized an infant at Eufaula.

In all these services I was effectively assisted by the Rev. Dr. Spalding, of Wisconsin. Dr. Spalding had most kindly preceded me in my visitation, and had prepared the class for confirmation. The Church of St. James, so long vacant, is now under Dr. Spalding's pastoral care.

April 7th—(Tuesday in Easter Week)—Preached at Grace Church, Clayton, and celebrated Holy Communion.

April 8th—At early Morning Service, confirmed one person at Grace Church, Clayton.

April 8th—Same day, met and addressed the congregation at St. James', Eufaula.

April 12th—(1st Sunday after Easter)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile; confirmed twenty-one persons, and celebrated Holy Communion. Number of persons confirmed in this Parish during the last conventional year, thirty-two.

The Rev. H. K. Rees, who has for the last three years labored so indefatigably in this Parish, has been compelled to resign the charge thereof, and to return to the Diocese of Georgia. Thus, the Parish

of St. John's is at present vacant. There is no Parish in the whole Diocese which presents such attractions to one who desires an unlimited field of labor.

April 12th—Afternoon of same day, I preached at Christ Church, Mobile, and confirmed seventeen persons. Number confirmed in this Parish since last report, thirty-five.

April 19th—(2nd Sunday after Easter)—Preached, morning and evening, at Trinity Church, Demopolis.

April 20th—Preached at St. Andrew's Church, Hale county; confirmed three persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

April 21st—Preached at Dayton, Marengo county; confirmed three persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

April 22nd—Preached at St. Michael's Church, Marengo county; confirmed one person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

April 23rd—Preached at Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown, and celebrated Holy Communion.

April 24th—Preached at Brown's Station, Dallas county, and celebrated Holy Communion.

April 26th—(3rd Sunday after Easter)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Selma, morning and afternoon, and confirmed fourteen persons.

April 28th—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, and confirmed four persons.

April 29th—Preached at Grace Church, Dallas county, and confirmed two persons.

May 1st—(St. Philip and St. James)-Preached at Montevallo, Shelby county, and confirmed one person.

May 1st—Evening of same day, preached at Brierfield, Bibb county.

May 2nd—Preached at same place, and celebrated Holy Communion.

Along the Railroad routes of this section of the State, towns are springing up and growing rapidly. We much need an increase of offerings for Diocesan Missions to supply these points with even occasional services.

May 3rd—(4th Sunday after Easter)—Preached, morning and evening, at Anniston; confirmed twenty persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

May 4th—Preached at St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.

May 5th—Preached at same Church, and confirmed five persons.

May 6th—Preached at Christ Church, Cross Plains, and celebrated Holy Communion.

May 7th—Preached at St. Peter's Church, Talladega, and confirmed nine persons.

May 7th—Evening of same day, preached at Calera. This village is at the intersection of the South & North Railroad with the Selma,

Rome & Dalton Railroad. It is growing rapidly, and should at once become a point for mission work.

May 10th—(5th Sunday after Easter—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile, and confirmed eleven persons. Number confirmed in this Parish during last conventional year, thirty-eight.

May 17th—(Sunday after Ascension Day)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Whistler, and confirmed seven persons.

But for the unprecedented severity of the last winter, and the desire of the Clergy for postponed visitations, I should have been able, at this time, to report a visitation of every Parish and Mission Station during the past conventional year. As it is, there remain unvisited but few points, and these will, God willing, be visited in the course of a few weeks from this time.

The following is a summary of my official acts, viz.:

Confirmations (2 by Bishop of Easton)	291
Baptisms (infants)	3
Funerals	2
Marriages	2
Deacons Ordained	1
Deaconesses instituted	1
Lay Readers Licensed	9

I have given my Canonical consent to the consecration of
Rev. Dr. Boone to the Mission Episcopate in China.
Rev. Dr. Ferguson to the Mission Episcopate in Africa.
Rev. Dr. Rulision, Assistant Episcopate of Central Pennsylvania.
Rev. Dr. Paret to Episcopate of Maryland.
Rev. Dr. Worthington to Episcopate of Nebraska.

I have transferred by Letters Dismissary—
Rev. Jesse C. Taylor to Diocese of Maryland.
Rev. Henry K. Rees to Diocese of Georgia.

I have received by Letters Dismissory into the Diocese—
Rev. Wm. W. Kimball from Diocese of Virginia.
Rev. Wm. T. Allen from Mission Jurisdiction of Western Texas.
Rev. Reese P. Kendall (Deacon) from Mission Jurisdiction of Oregon.
Rev. Erastus W. Spalding, D. D., from Diocese of Wisconsin.

I have also transferred Mr. C. B. Wilmer, candidate for Holy Orders, to the Diocese of Florida.

I have received official notices of the deposition of the following named persons:

Chas. Hahn, by Bishop of Quincy.
Edwin Benedict, by Bishop of Minnesota.
Geo. H. Appleton, by Mission Bishop of Yeddo.
A. S. Berkley, by Bishop of Virginia.
Geo. R. Wheelock, by Bishop of Massachusetts.

N. E. Carrington, by Mission Bishop of Western Texas.
Herbert M. Andrews, by Assistant Bishop of New York.
Jas. S. Fenton, by Assistant Bishop of New York.
A. G. Crawford, by Bishop of Pennsylvania.
Ed. G. Perryman, by Bishop of Easter.

Also, have received notice that the candidacy of Richard Mercer had ceased, from Bishop of Western Michigan; and that Geo. W. Raeburn's application for candidacy had been rejected by the Bishop of Maine.

CLERICAL CHANGES WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Rev. Wm. W. Kimball has charge of St. Paul's Church, Whistler, the Mission at Citronelle, Grand Bay and Bon Secour. He is supported in part by these several Stations, and in part by the Convocation of Mobile.

Rev. Wm. T. Allen has charge of St. James' Church, Livingston, and St. Mark's, Fork of Greene.

Rev. Stewart McQueen, Rector of St. Wilfrid's, Marion, has charge of St. Luke's Church, Martin's Station, Dallas county—the same building that was known as St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.

Rev. Erastus W. Spalding, D. D., has charge of St. James', Eufaula, and will extend his care to Grace Church, Clayton.

Rev. Geo. R. Upton has charge of St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville, and St. Paul's, Lowndesboro, in addition to his former field of labor.

Rev. DeB. Waddell has charge of St. Mark's, Prattville, and St. Matthews', Autaugaville, in addition to his former field of labor.

Rev. W. A. Stickney extends his labors to Calvary Church, Pushmataha.

Rev. J. F. Smith extends his labors to Brierfield, Bibb county, and Calera, Shelby county.

Rev. A. W. Pierce has charge of Mission of Good Shepherd.

CHURCH PROPERTY.

There has been no material change in the condition of the Church Properties since my full statement last year. [See Journal of 1884].

The Assessment put upon the Diocese of Alabama by the Board of Trustees of the University of the South—a Board in which this Diocese has four Trustees—was reported to me as $400. This Fund, as is generally known, is devoted to the support of the Theological Faculty—they receiving no other compensation for their services.

I notified, in due time, the Clergy of the Diocese that an advent offerings in behalf of that Fund would be most desirable, and that, in consequence of extreme need on the part of the Theological Professors, I had advanced most of the assessment.

The response was not as prompt and full as I had hoped for. I do not understand that the Diocese holds itself responsible for the

amount assessed, and I do not propose to attempt to urge that responsibility. Some years ago, the Convention had declared itself irresponsible for any such assessment, but had also declared its willingness to take up voluntary offerings for the increase of that Fund.

I report, however, that the assessment is paid in full. I am unwilling to sit as a Trustee, unless all the pledges of the Board, in so far as my Diocese is concerned, are fully redeemed.

I repeat it, that I do not refer to this matter with any expression of desire that the Convention should take any action. I prefer that the whole matter should stand, as reported. I merely refer to it as a matter of business which has passed through my hands.

Amount assessed upon Diocese			$400 00
Received as follows, viz.:			
Offerings—Grace Church, Anniston	$10 00		
" Church of the Advent, Birmingham	50 40		
" Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	16 40		
" St Wilfrid's Mission	20 00		
" Christ Church, Mobile	24 05		
" St. Paul's, Greensboro	30 00		
" St. Stephen's, Eutaw	6 05		
" Individual Offering	13 00		
" Church of the Nativity, Huntsville	5 00		
" Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	6 25		
" Trinity, Mobile	23 60		
" Trinity, Demopolis	32 10		
		236 85	
" St. John's Church, Montgomery	$50 00	— 50 00	
		$286 85	
Individual Offerings		113 15	
		$400 00	

I do not propose to add to this survey of my labors during the past year by an address upon any particular subject. My labors during the last few months have been too engrossing to allow the time or opportunity for such discourse.

I have to record the loss by death of one of our Clergy, who has been for very many years connected with this Diocese—the Rev. W. J. Perdue. He died at Gadsden during the past year. Infirm health, and many discouragements, had prevented him for several years from fulfilling his ministry. He was a good and true man, earnestly and intelligently devoted to the Church. Quiet, unobtrusive, and ever shrinking in his disposition, he was known intimately to very few persons, but they esteemed him at his true value. Among the many who have departed this life for whom we bless God and magnify His Holy Name, let us remember this, our brother, who, although unable, through manifold discouragements, actively to exercise the office of

ıe ministry, yet did truly and heroically exercise patience in his lot, ıd calmly awaited the call of the Master.

Looking back over the whole Diocese, I cannot but gratefully recog-ze the fact, that there is some advance along the whole line. The ergy, although not greater in number, are distributing their labors 'er a larger surface. I doubt if ever in the history of the Diocese, large an area was cared for. It is my constant desire and effort to pply every need. But, alas! how far short do we come of our most asonable expectations? May God of his infinite mercy give us His essing, and send his grace unto us and all people, that we may love ıd serve, and obey Him as we ought to do.

Yours affectionately and faithfully,

RICHARD H. WILMER,
Bishop of Alabama.

Mobile, May 20, 1885.

[APPENDIX B.]

Report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund submit the following report:

The interest on the Alabama State Bonds, amounting to the sum of $492, has been collected and paid to the Treasurer of the Diocese. No part of the rent of Hamner Hall for the year ending on 30th June next, has been received from the Rev. Geo. M. Everhart, D. D. We are advised that a large part of it has been expended in repairs upon the buildings, under the direction of the Bishop. No change has been made in the status of the securities belonging to the Fund.

Since our last report, Mr. David Buell, one of our associates, has departed this life. In his untimely death the State mourns an eminent and loyal citizen, while the Church deplores the loss of a consistent and faithful member of her communion. He was true in all the relations of life, and died as he had lived, a sincere and humble Christian.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

N. H. R. DAWSON.

Mobile, May 20, 1885.

[APPENDIX C.]

N. H. R. Dawson, Treasurer, in Account with the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

1884. *DR.*

July 1—To semi-annual interest on $16,400, Alabama Bonds $246 00

1885

Jan'y 1—To semi-annual interest on same 246 00

$492 00

1885 *CR.*

May 2—By cash paid Wm. Barnwell, Treasurer.....$492 00

No change has been made in the securities of the Fund. They remain the same as reported to the last Convention. See Journal of 1884—page 62.

N. H. R. DAWSON,

Selma, May 18, 1885. *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX D.

Parochial Reports.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY—Rev. H. Stringfellow, D. D., Rector.—May 20th, 1885.

Communicants—In 188 , 510; Died, 10; Removed, 12.....Present No...		528
Sunday School—Teachers, 20; Scholars, 180		200
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 52; Private, 10		62
Baptisms		22
Confirmations		37
Marriages		9
Funerals		17
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report		10
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$2,500 00	
Convention Fund	650 00	
Current Expenses	1,340 00	
Repairs	100 00	
		$ 4,590 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	160 00	
Easter Offerings	236 00	
Sunday School Offerings	541 00	
Harvest Home	196 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions	336 02	
		1,169 02
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South	50 00	
		50 00
Other contributions for Church purposes	490 00	
		490 00
Total Expenditures		$6,299 02

Remarks.—Of the number reported in the above report, three were from Hamner Hall. A chime of nine bells has been ordered for the Church, and the Rector hopes, during the summer, to erect a Chapel.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, EUTAW, GREENE CO., ALABAMA.—Rev. Stephen U. Smith, Rector.—May, 1885.

Communicants—In 1884, 43; Died, 0; Removed, 0.....Present No...	43
Sunday School—Teachers, 3: Scholars, 30	33
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 7; Private, 0	7
Baptisms	5
Confirmations	0
Marriages	1
Funerals	4
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report	12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$381 45	
Convention Fund	50 00	
Current Expenses	37 95	
Repairs	900 00	
		$1,369 40
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	31 75	
		31 75
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions from Communion Offerings	12 00	
		12 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	2 50	
Foreign Missions	7 50	
University of the South, from Communion Offerings	6 05	
		16 05
Other Contributions for Church Purposes—		
Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergy		4 90
Total Expenditures		$1,434 10

REMARKS.—By the accumulation of some years, through the exertions of the ladies entirely, in the Parish, money enough was collected to repair the inside of the Church, also to add a recess chancel; a stained glass window with various Church devices. The most prominent of these designs represents St. Stephens receiving the Crown of Martyrdom.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TUSCUMBIA.—REV. B. F MOWER, Rector. May 9th, 1885.

Communicants—In 1884, 42; Died, 2; Removed, 3	Present No.	37
Sunday School—Teachers, 4; Scholars, 24		28
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		11
Funerals		2
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$162 00	
Convention Fund	15 00	
Current Expenses	16 15	
Repairs	125 00	
		$318 15
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	15 90	
Easter Offering	31 70	
Memorial Window, by Children of S. S.	20 00	
		67 60
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Jewish Missions		1 00
Other Contributions for Church Purposes		2 10
Total Expenditures		$388 85

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MOBILE—REV. H. K. REES, Rector up to May 4th, 1885, when he resigned.

Sunday School—Teachers, 14; Scholars, 150	Total	164
Confirmations		30
Baptisms		79
Marriages		27

rals 56
ber of months spent in Parish by the late Rector since last report.... 12
RE—The Parish Register is found to be incomplete, and several of the blanks cannot be filled.

hial Expenditures—		
'aid to Rector	$1,191 65	
'onvention Fund	125 00	
'urrent Expenses	275 65	
tepairs on Church	53 00	
unday School	51 00	
		$1,696 30
ties and Benefactions in the Parish—		
'ommunion Alms	121 05	
'arish Aid Society	16 60	
'hancel Guild	15 50	
		153 15
ties and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
'hurch Home	263 00	
'onvocation Missions	50 00	
		313 00
ties and Benefactions beyond tht Diocese—		
Iission to Jews		8 75
Expenditures		$2,171 20

ARKS.—The Church Building is now undergoing extensive repairs. The se is provided for by subscription among the members of the Parish, ich has been added several sums contributed by friends of this Church here, to whom grateful acknowledgment is now made. The amount ed and expended will be included in next annual report.

y 21, 1885. JAMES BOND, DAN HARRIS, } Wardens.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, PRATTVILLE—May 18th, '85.

unicants—in 1884, 23; Died, 1	Present No...	22
zed persons not communicants		10
parishioners		32
ration of Holy Communion—Public, 4	Total...	4
als		1
er of months spent in the Parish since last report		5
hial Expenditures—		
alary of Rector	$50 00	
onvention Fund	13 00	
urrent Expenses	5 00	
		$68 00
ies and Benefactions in the Parish—		
ommunion Alms		5 00
Expenditures		$73 00

ARKS.—We had services monthly till 1st October, at which time Rev. Taylor resigned. Rev. Mr. DeB. Waddell held service once since. We aking an effort to secure his services once a month.

ICH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE—J. M. BANISTER, Rector.

unicants—in 1884, 277; Died, 7	Present No...	301
y School—Teachers, 12; Scholars, about 170	Total...	182
ation of Holy Communion—Public, 16; private, 2	Total...	18

Baptisms		14
Confirmations		29
Marriages		2
Funerals—In other Parishes, 3; in my own, 14		17
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$1,800 00	
Convention Fund	325 00	
Current Expenses	458 40	
		$2,583 40
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	119 85	
Children's Easter Offerings	500 00	
		619 85
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		64 60
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	20 00	
Foreign Missions	10 00	
University of the South	10 00	
Increase of the Ministry	5 00	
Mission to the Jews	5 00	
New York Bible and Prayer Book Society	14 00	
		64 00
Total Expenditures		$3,331 85

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOWNDESBORO—Geo. R. Upton, Missionary in Charge.

Communicants—in 1884, 18	Present No.	18
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 1	Total	1
Confirmations		1
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector		$35 00

Remarks.—I have had charge of this work since Easter. Being in charge so short a time, I am not able to make a full report.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE—Rev. J. S. Johnston, Rector.—May 20, '85

Communicants—in 1885, 300; Died, 8; removed, 4	Present No. about	300
Total parishioners	About	1000
Sunday School—Teachers, 17; Scholars, 175	Total	192
Baptisms		36
Confirmations		38
Marriages		4
Funerals		29
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$1,800 00	
Convention Fund	300 00	
Current Expenses	1,120 63	
		3,220 63
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		254 00

Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Church Home	300 00	
Diocesan Missions	20 95	
" "	90 65	
		411 60
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	18 75	
Foreign Missions	13 60	
University of the South	23 60	
Spire	2,250 00	
Porch	650 00	
		2,955 95
Total Expenditures		$6,840 18

REMARKS.—Inprovement steady.

ST. ANDREWS' CHURCH, HAYNEVILLE, ALA.—REV. GEORGE R. UPTON, Missionary in Charge.

Baptized Persons not Communicants	25
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public	6
Baptisms	4
Confirmations	1
Marriages	2
Parochial Expenditures—	
Salary of Rector	$100

REMARKS.—I visit this Mission as often as possible.

MONTEVALLO MISSION—J. F. SMITH, Evangelist.—May 4th, 1885.

Communicants in 1884	20
Present number	21
Baptized persons not Communicants	25
Total Parishioners	46
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public	2
Baptisms	1
Confirmations	1
Number of months spent in the Mission since last Report	12
Parochial Expenditures—	
Salary of Missionary	$150 00
Communion Alms	5 00
Other contributions for Church purposes	33 55
Total Expenditures	$188 55

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA.—REV. JAS. H. STRINGFELLOW, Rector. May 19th, 1885.

Communicants—In 1885; 191; Died, 0; Removed, 20.....Present No...	183
Baptized Persons not Communicants, about	300
Total Parishioners	483
Sunday School—Teachers, 11; Scholars, 100	111
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public	60
Baptisms	7
Confirmations	12
Marriages	3
Funerals	4
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report	12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$1,200 00	
Convention Fund	150 00	
Current Expenses	220 00	
		$1,570 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		59 65
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		142 70
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South		16 40
Total Expenditures		$1,788 75

TRINITY CHURCH, FLORENCE, ALA.—Rev. B. F. Mower, Rector. May 9th, '85.

Communicants—In 1884, 38; Died, 2; Added by Removal, 2; Present No.		38
Sunday School—Teachers, 4; Scholars, 25		29
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		12
Baptisms		4
Funerals		2
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$177 75	
Convention Fund	15 00	
Current Expenses	30 15	
		$222 90
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	37 40	
Towards Memorial Window for Mess. Bliss	5 00	
Easter and Lenten Offerings	30 00	
		72 40
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		3 45
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	8 00	
Foreign Missions	8 00	
		16 00
Other Contributions for Church Purposes		6 00
Total Expenditures		$323 75

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE—J. F. Smith, Rector.—May 4, '85

Communicants in '84, 42; removed, 5	Present No.	40
Baptized persons not communicants		30
Total parishioners		70
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 35	Total	41
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 10	Total	10
Baptisms		9
Confirmations		5
Marriages		1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$150 00	
Current Expenses	15 00	
Repairs	1 00	
		$ 166 00

'harities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		30 00
'otal Expenditures		$196 00

'RACE CHURCH, DALLAS COUNTY.— Rev. F. B. Lee, Rector.—May 20th, 1885.

ommunicants—In 1884, 32; Removed, 1	Present No...	31
aptized Persons not Communicants		29
'otal Parishioners		60
elebration of Holy Communion—Public		11
aptisms		3
unerals		1
'umber of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
'arochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$87 50	
Convention Fund	10 00	
		$97 50
harities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms, Diocesan Missions		11 65
'otal Expenditures		$109 15

Remarks.—I wish here to record an expression of good will on the part of ıy Parishioners, by a donation of $13 00 as an Easter Offering

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ST. MARK'S CHURCH, FORK OF GREENE—W. T. Allen, Rector. May 20th, 1885.

ommunicants in '85, 13	Present No...	13
aptized persons not communicants		10
'otal parishioners		23
elebration of Holy Communion—Public, 5	Total...	5
[arriages		1
unerals		1
'umber of months spent in the Parish since last Report		5½
arochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector		$150 00
Convention Fund		15 00
Current Expenses		20 00
otal Expenditures		$185 00

Remarks.—The above reported five and one-half months represents the me the present Rector has had charge of the Parish, and not the actual me spent in the Parish; this would only be about a month in all. He only ives the place one Sunday in the month. This Parish has also been without ıy ministration for some time, and is, like Livingston, much the loser by it.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, FAUNSDALE—M. S Miller, S. W. May 20th, 1885.

ommunicants in '84, 25	Present No...	41
elebration of Holy Communion—Public, 1	Total...	1
aptisms (3 at St. Michael's and 4 at Dayton)		7
onfirmations		1
unerals		2

Parochial Expenditures—
Salary of Rector $55 00
Current Expenses 8 30

Total Expenditures $63 30

REMARKS.—Would state that, at the request of the Bishop, the communicants from Dayton (nine miles from St. Michael's), numbering 17, are added to the present number at St. Michael's, which are 24; also, the baptisms, as can be seen from report above.

FAUNSDALE CHAPEL, MARENGO COUNTY—W. A. STICKNEY, Rector.
Colored People.—May 20th, 1885.

Marriages 2
Funerals 3

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, UNIONTOWN.—REV. W. A. STICKNEY, Rector.—May 20th, 1885.

Communicants—In 1884, 48; Removed, 6 ..... Present No... 42
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 15
Baptisms 3
Funerals 1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report 12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$250 00	
Convention Fund	50 00	
Current Expenses	101 65	
Communion Service, &c.	127 00	
		$528 65
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions	12 00	
Widows and Orphans Deceased Clergy	3 85	
		15 85
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions / Foreign Missions	9 80	
University of the South	6 25	
		16 05
Total Expenditures		$560 55

REMARKS.—The strength of the Parish, Spiritually, Numerically, or Financially, is not on the increase. The beautiful Silver Communion Service reported, is due solely to the persevering activity of the lady members. Divine services have been maintained the same as reported for the past four years.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, BIRMINGHAM—REV. T. J. BEARD, Rector.
May 3rd, '85.

Communicants in '84—Died, 5; removed, 18 ..... Present No...270
Baptized persons not communicants 160
Total parishioners 430
Sunday School—Teachers, 8; Scholars, 60 ..... Total... 68
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 50; private, 3 ..... Total... 53
Baptisms 20
Confirmations 7
Marriages 6
Funerals 11
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report 12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$2,000 00	
Convention Fund	150 00	
Current Expenses	375 40	
		$2,525 40
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	64 17	
Sunday School	48 70	
Parish Aid Society	750 00	
		862 87
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		115 40
Society for Widows and Orphans, &c		9 45
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	21 00	
Foreign Missions	23 15	
University of the South	50 65	
General Society for Relief of Widows and Children of Clergy	8 70	
		103 50
Other contributions for Church Purposes		21 35
Total Expenditures		$3,637 97

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SCOTTSBORO—J. M. Banister, Acting Rector.

Communicants in '84—Died, 1; removed. 1	Present No...	27
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 55	Total...	60
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 8	Total...	8
Baptisms		1
Funerals		1

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$66 45	
Convention Fund	12 00	
Current Expenses	49 60	
		128 05
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		15 30
Total Expenditures		$143 35

Remarks.—No confirmations reported, as there was no Episcopal visitation, owing to sickness in the family of the Bishop.

The duties in my own Parish allow me to officiate only once a month at night, in the week, at St. Luke's Church, and therefore, the growth of the Parish must be very slow. An efficient missionary is greatly needed in this portion of the Diocese.

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, MARION—Rev. Stewart McQueen, Rector.—May 1st, 1885.

Communicants—In 1884, 50	Present No..	50
Baptized persons not Communicants		15
Total Parishioners		65
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 30	Total..	36
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 15; private, 1	Total..	16
Baptisms		3
Funerals		2
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$391 70	
Convention Fund	45 00	
Current Expenses	50 00	
Repairs	50 00	
Improvements—Church and Rectory	150 00	
		$ 686 70
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	40 45	
Regular Offerings	123 70	
Society Disabled Clergy and Relief Widows and Orphans Deceased Clergy	5 00	
		169 15
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South		20 00
Total Expenditures		$875 85

Number Services held, 112; Number Sermons and Lectures, 101.

REMARKS.—Services were held here from May 1st, 1884, to January 1st, 1885; two Sundays per month since then (Jan. 1st). This Parish pays for every Sunday except one per month, which is devoted to Missionary work. Convocation of Selma paid balance of Salary up to $700. This Parish is doing better than it has done for the past eight or ten years.

CROSS PLAINS MISSION—REV. I. F. SMITH, Evangelist.
May 4th, 1885.

Communicants—In 1884, 9 ... Present No.	13
Total Parishioners	22
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public	2
Baptisms	1
Number of months spent in the Mission since last report	12
Parochial Expenditures—	
Salary of Evangelist	$60 00

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON STATION—REV. R. H. COBB, Rector.—May 1st, 1885.

Communicants—In 1884, 26; removed, 2 ... Present No.		29
Baptisms		1
Confirmations		3
Marriages		1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		10½
Parochial Ependitures—		
Salary of Rector	$200 00	
Repairs	17 00	
		$217 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions	$ 15 00	
Widows and Orphans Society	4 00	
		19 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Increase of the ministry		10 00
Total Expenditures		$246 00

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE—F. B. LEE, Rector.
May 20th, 1885.

ommunicants—In 1884, 61; Died, 1		Present No..	62
aptized persons not Communicants			59
otal Parishioners			121
unday School—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 40		Total..	46
elebration of Holy Communion—Public, 12; private, 6		Total..	18
aptisms			3
onfirmations			4
unerals			4
umber of months spent in the Parish since last report			12
arochial Expenditures—			
*Salary of Rector Parish	$255 75		
Convention Fund	25 00		
Current Expenses	12 00		
*Mission Aid	$220		$ 292 75
arities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions			34 10
arities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions	5 00		
Widows and Orphans Society	8 00		
			13 00
xpenditures			$339 85

* Mission Aid, $220, not included.

REMARKS.—I here thankfully acknowledge $49.50 as an Easter offering myself from my Parishioners; and, also, an Easter offering to myself om Sunday School, $10—making the total expenditures of the Parish 99.35.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, TALLADEGA—J. F. SMITH, Rector.
May 4th, 1885.

ommunicants—In 1884, 62; removed, 2		Present No..	76
aptized persons not communicants			60
otal parishioners			136
unday School—Teachers, 4; scholars, 30			34
elebration of Holy Communion—Public, 11			11
aptisms			11
onfirmations			9
umber of months spent in the Parish since last report			12
arochial Expenditures—			
Current expenses	$40 00		
Repairs	85 00		
			$125 00
harities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion alms			53 40
ther contributions for church purposes			37 60
otal Expenditures			$216 00

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, BROWN'S STATION—W. A. STICKNEY, Rector.—May 20th, 1885.

ommunicants—In 1884, 22; Died, 1; removed, 6		Present No..	15
elebration of Holy Communion—Public			5
unerals			1

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$50 00	
Convention Fund	10 00	
		$ 60 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		16 55
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Widows and Orphans Deceased Clergy		3 75
Total Expenditures		$80 30

REMARKS.—I engage to give monthly service here only. But bad roads and weather have permitted me to hold only five regular services the past year. Some compensation has been attempted by pastoral work, and prayer from house to house on some of the Sundays.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, GREENVILLE—GEORGE R. UPTON, Rector.

Communicants—In 1884, 45; died, 1	Present No.	51
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 30		36
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 15; private, 2		17
Baptisms		13
Confimations		6
Funerals		6
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$500 00	
Convention fund	40 00	
Current expenses	44 40	
Easter offerings	40 00	
		$625 13
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	15 00	
Sunday School offerings	20 00	
Sunday School Easter offerings	44 15	
		79 15
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Church Home	15 00	
Diocesan Missions	40 00	
		55 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions		5 00
Total Expenditures		$759 28

GRACE CHURCH, ANNISTON—REV. WALLACE CARNAHAN, Rector.
May 20th, 1885.

Communicants—In 1884, 81; Died, 1; removed, 23	Present No.	107
Total Parishioners about		250
Sunday School—Teachers, 14; Scholars, 166	Total	180
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 15; private, 1	Total	16
Baptisms		19
Confirmations		20
Marriages		2
Funerals		6
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		11

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary, &c., of Rector	$ 1,813 35	
Convention Fund	100 00	
Current Expenses	98 00	
For the Sunday School	203 60	
On the new Church edifice	13,800 00	
On the Mission Chapel	193 00	
		$16,207 95
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	93 95	
Other contributions for the Poor	179 45	
		273 40
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		100 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	15 35	
Foreign Missions	18 75	
University of the South	11 00	
Society for Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen	15 00	
Other contributions for Church Purposes	10 00	
		70 10
Total Expenditures		$16,651 45

REMARKS.—On the 18th of January, 1885, "St. Luke's Mission" was organized in the neighborhood of the Cotton Factory. Here service is held every Sunday; and a Sunday school, night school for boys, and a sewing school for girls, are taught. This work is prospering; and (under God's blessing) owes its success to the devotion of the saintly women of the Parish.

MISSION OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, MOBILE—REV. A. W. PIERCE, Deacon in Charge.—May 20, 1885.

Number of communicants	10
Number of Sunday School scholars	100
Number of day school scholars	59
Public celebrations of Holy Communion	2
Private celebrations of Holy Communion	1
Baptisms	1
Confirmations	4
Funerals	2

REMARKS.—I have been in charge only for the three Sundays last past, and consequently have no report to make of my own.

Respectfully submitted, A. W. PIERCE.

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS—REV. JOHN A. HARRISON, Rector. May 19th, 1885.

Communicants—In 1884, 85; died, 1 Present No.	85
Sunday School—Teachers, 8; scholars, 45	53
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public	15
Baptisms	7
Marriages	2
Funerals	4
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report	12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$700 00	
Convention fund	100 00	
Current expenses	65 25	
		$ 865 25
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion alms		29 50
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Church Home	20 00	
Diocesan Missions	71 00	
		91 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	22 17½	
Foreign Missions	7 17½	
Church work among the Jews	4 80	
Clergy relief	15 80	
		82 05
Total Expenditures		$1,067 80

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FORKLAND—Rev. John A. Harrison, Rector
May 16th, 1885.

Communicants—In 1884, 0; Died, 2	**Present No.**	**20**
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 30	**Total**	**36**
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		**8**
Baptisms		**3**
Confirmations—No visitation by the Bishop.		
Funerals		**2**
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		**8**

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$200 00	
Current Expenses	31 75	
		$231 75
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		8 75
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		5 80
Total Expenditures		$346 20

PARISH OF CHRIST'S CHURCH, MOBILE.—May 1st, 1885.

Communicants—In 1884, 374; Died, 11; removed, 13	Present No.	381
Sunday School—Teachers, 20; Scholars, 170	Total	190
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 74; private, 17	Total	91
Baptisms		17
Confirmations		35
Marriages		12
Funerals		34
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$2,750 00	
Convention Fund	625 00	
Current Expenses / Repairs	1,769 79	
Improvements, &c	330 00	
		5,474 79

Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	425 15	
Christ Church Guild	2,719 12	
		3,144 27
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		241 98
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	93 45	
University of the South	24 05	
Mission to the Jews, Good Friday	22 80	
		140 30
Total Expenditures		$9,001 34

HAMNER HALL.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., May 17. 1885.

Right Reverend and Dear Bishop:—I herewith enclose Dr. Orme's last letter in answer to my inquiry in regard to attending Convention. I am not at all equal to the trip at this writing, and, though I may feel better by Wednesday, in the face of this protest, I shall not go.

I will send my report by some delegate, which I hope the Secretary will read to you in the presence of the Convention. The balance due 1st July by me to the Trustees of Bishop's Fund is $443.36. Of this amount I enclose check for $100, and will account to you or Mr. Morris for the $343.36 as near the 1st of July as practicable, so as to wind up the present lease. The contract for stiffening and holding these walls will be let at close of school. The lowest bid was $267, which, together with the new roof for Square Creek building will consume the greater part of the amount due; but whatever balance there may be, along with the vouchers for sums expended, will be all forth coming in July. I will have matters attended to, present or absent, in a satisfactory manner.

Should it be deemed advisable to make the amount to be paid in *money* hereafter, more definite, it will be all right with me, so enough margin is left for me to keep up the ordinary repairs. If agreeable. I would prefer the lease to run by the year only.

In the report made by Captain Nelms last year, in Selma, there is an intimation of an increased rental. I sincerely hope no such a burden will be laid upon me. In the Boarding Department, taking a series of years together, can never be made, in my judgment, self-supporting. And if this property were in the heart of the city, where the day patronage could more easily be secured, and though there might be no accommodation for boarders, I could better afford to pay a much greater rental.

I leave the whole matter in your hands, under the guidance of Providence. I shall get away again as soon as practicable. I sincerely hope to be able to return by Commencement. We expect to graduate eleven girls Tuesday, June 23d, being the Tuesday after the Sunday you are to be in Auburn. Do try to be present with us. It would be a great favor and blessing. Let me know if you can.

I enclose also my report as Missionary, limited enough, but the reason you know.

Sincerely hoping your own health has been restored, I beg to subscribe myself Affectionately yours,

GEORGE M. EVERHART.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., May 20, 1885.

Right Reverend and Dear Bishop:—As my lease will terminate with the 30th day of June, it is proper that I should make an application for the renewal of my lease; but I would prefer that the lease may extend for another six years, with the privilege of either party dissolving it at the end of any one year, by giving the other party at least sixty days notice to that effect before the end of any one rental year. If this should not meet with your approbation, or that of the Convention, then I would prefer the lease for one year at a time.

I am very glad we may hope to see you on the 23d of June, or before that.

My disease has recently been more irritated, and apart from my physician's opinion, I could not go to Mobile this week.

Sincerely yours. GEORGE M. EVERHART.

P. S.—The present rent, $560, is a sum quite as great as I can afford to pay, and even then I will be obliged to ask that $160 may be reserved for repairs and insurance, if the insurance be for no greater amount than heretofore. G. M. E.

REPORT OF GEORGE M. EVERHART AS MISSIONARY.

On account of bad health I have done but little missionary work since the 1st of August. Before that I had officiated, since last Convention, three or four times in Auburn and buried one youth in Opelika, and I baptized two children in private in Montgomery, and in July I supplied, for one month, the pulpit of St. John's and in a measure looked after the parochial duties, in visiting the sick and burying the dead. In November I officiated in Opelika, and in January I buried Dr. Lampley in Greenville. I assisted also last autumn in the funeral services of Hon. D. Buell. Besides the duties of Chaplain for Hamner Hall, as I have been able, the above constitutes my year's work.

May 19, 1885. GEORGE M. EVERHART.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, EVERGREEN—REV. GEORGE R. UPTON, Rector.

Communicants—In 1884, 24 ..... Present No. 24
Sunday School—Teachers, 4; Scholars, 15 ..... Total 19
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 12 12
Baptisms 3

Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector	$200 00	
Convention Fund	10 00	
Current Expenses and Repairs	46 00	
		$256 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
New Organ		60 00
Total Expenditures		$316 00

REMARKS.—Since our last report we have fitted the church building with neat and comfortable pews. We have also bought an organ.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO.—REV. R. H. COBBS, Rector.

May 12th, 1885.

Communicants—In 1884, 124; Died, 3; Removed, 2 ..... Present No. 121
Sunday School—Teachers, 7; Scholars, 60 ..... Total 67
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 14
Baptisms 8

Marriages		4
Funerals		4
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		10
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$883 91	
Convention Fund	150 00	
Current Expenses	37 80	
		$ 1,071 71
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	18 50	
Children's Easter Offering	161 50	
		180 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions	130 00	
Widows and Orphans	5 00	
		135 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	5 00	
Foreign Missions	5 00	
University of the South	20 00	
Jewish Missions	5 00	
		35 00
Total Expenditures		$1,421 71

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, TROY.

Communicants—In 1884, 22	Present No.	27
Baptized persons not Communicants		40
Total Parishioners		67
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 20	Total	25
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		10
Baptisms		2
Confirmations		1
Funerals		1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$375 00	
Convention Fund	20 00	
Current Expenses	10 00	
		$ 405 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		14 25
Total Expenditures		$419 25

REMARKS.—My report shows more, really, than the true strength of the Parish. Many of those Communicants in the 27 reported have moved away from us into the country, and have to be reported though doing us no good. Twenty about represents our actual strength.

TRINITY CHURCH, UNION SPRINGS.

Communicants—In 1884, 30; Removed, 4	Present No.	27
Baptized persons not Communicants		37
Total Parishioners		64
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 25	Total	30
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		18
Confirmations		1

Marriages		1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$350 00	
Convention Fund	13 00	
Current Expenses	10 00	
Repairs	15 00	
		$ 388 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		79 80
Total Expenditures		$ 467 80

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA—REV. R. W. BARNWELL, Rector.
May 20th, 1885.

Communicants—In 1884, 235	Present No.	246
Sunday School—Teachers, 13; Scholars, 125	Total	138
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 15; Private, 6	Total	21
Baptisms		17
Confirmations		14
Marriages		4
Funerals		7
Number of Months spent in Parish since last Report		11
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$1,800 00	
Convention Fund	350 00	
Current Expenses	1,050 00	
Repairs	420 00	
		$ 3,620 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Harvest Home		65 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions	208 00	
Colored Missions	300 00	
		508 00
Total Expenditures		$4,193 00

ST. JAMES CHURCH, LIVINGSTON—W. T. ALLEN, Rector.—May 20, '85

Communicants—In 1885, 46; Died 1; Removed, 2	Present No.	43
Baptized persons not Communicants		25
Total Parishioners		78
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 41	Total	46
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 6; Private, 1	Total	7
Baptisms		3
Funerals		1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		5½
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$550 00	
Convention Fund	40 00	
Current Expenses	45 00	
Repairs	240 00	
		$ 875 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		18 00
Total Expenditures		$893 00

REMARKS.—The Parish has been without the regular ministration of clergymen for one year. In consequence, the present Rector found matters in a very disorganized state, and the spiritual condition very low. By the blessing of God he, however, hopes that its condition is somewhat improved, and trusts, by the aid of the divine power, that the improvement will continue. One visitation to York; preached and administered Holy Communion.

JENIFER AND IRONITON MISSION—REV. I. F. SMITH, Evangelist

Number of Communicants—In 1885, 8; Removed, 2.....Present No.. 9
Baptized persons not Communicants..... 8
Total Parishioners.....17
Baptisms..... 2
Number of Months spent in the Mission since last Report.....12
Parochial Expenditures—
Salary of Evangelist.....$125 00

REMARKS.—A new iron furnace having been erected at Ironiton, eight miles south from Jenifer, nearly all the Communicants have removed to the former place. Therefore, Ironiton is embraced in the Jenifer Mission.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, EUFAULA—REV. ERASTUS W. SPALDING, Rector.—May 1st, 1885.

Communicants—In 1884 ——;.....Present No.. 89
Baptized persons not Communicants..... 66
Total Parishioners.....193
Sunday School—Teachers, 7; Scholars, 35.....Total.. 42
Baptisms..... 4
Confirmations..... 8
Funerals..... 1

REMARKS.—Have just taken charge of the Parish, and cannot report accurately. The Parish has been vacant for two or three years, and statistics cannot be reached without time and investigation.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WHISTLER—W. W. KIMBALL, Rector. May, 1885.

Communicants—In 1884.....29
Present number, including 7 confirmed May 17th.....36
Baptized persons not Communicants.....24
Total Parishioners, about.....60
Sunday School—Teachers, 7; Scholars, 40.....47
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public..... 7
Baptisms—Adults, 1; Infants, 1..... 2
Confirmations..... 7
Marriages..... 1
Funerals..... 1
Number of months spent in the Parish..... 6
Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector (six months)	$150 00	
Convention Fund	5 00	
Current Expenses	127 15	
Repairs	116 00	
		$398 15

Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—
Communion Alms..... 5 00

Other Contributions for Church Purposes—
Parish Aid Society..... 9 15

Total Expenditures.....$510 00

REMARKS.—I officiate here two Sundays in each month. Through the kindness of a friend, we have been able to replaster the church and buy blinds. Through the efforts of the congregation, a new lecture and prayer desk, and also altar cloth and pendants have been provided. The congregations have steadily increased in numbers. I feel much encouraged, and thank the people for their sympathy and kindness.

MISSION AT GRAND BAY—REV. W. W. KIMBALL, Missionary.
May, 1885.

Communicants..... 7
Baptized persons not Communicants.....15
Total Parishioners.....22
Sunday School—Teachers, 3; Scholars, 15.....Total..18
Baptisms (infant)..... 1
Marriages..... 1
Funerals..... 1
Celebration of Holy Communion..... 1

Parochial Expenditures—
Salary of Rector to May 1st, 1885.....$7 50
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—
Communion Alms..... 4 00

Total Expenditures.....$11 50

REMARKS.—I officiate here one Sunday in five.

MISSION AT CITRONELLE—W. W. KIMBALL, Missionary.
May 1st, 1885.

Communicants..... 6
Baptized persons not Communicants.....10
Baptisms at Chunchula..... 3

Parochial Expenditures—
Salary of Rector to May 1st.....$12 50

REMARKS.—Services have been discontinued here, from no fault of mine; and I suppose they will be discontinued for some time to come.

MISSION AT BON SECOUR—W. W. KIMBALL, Rector.—May, 1885.

Communicants..... 15
Baptized persons not Communicants..... 10
Total Parishioners..... 25
Baptisms..... 1
Funerals..... 1
Number of months spent in the Parish..... 6
No Confirmations or Marriages.
Celebration of Holy Communion..... 1

Parochial Expenditures—
Salary of Rector.....$37 50
Communion Alms..... 3 00
Charities and Benefactions in Mission..... 7 00
Contributions for Church Building about.....150 00

Total Expenditures.....$197 50

REMARKS.—I officiate here one Sunday in five. The people have raised about $150 for a Church Building. They seem devoted to the Church, and are anxious to have the services. They are not able to accomplish all they desire in this.

KIRKLAND, ALA., May 19.

I arrived here on the 16th of April from the Missionary Jurisdiction of Oregon, to whose Convocation I made full reports to the day of emigration.

Except the first, I have held cottage services every Sunday, and trust, ere long, to commence definite and significant work. I have not been here long enough to decide, but cherish the impression that, both at Brewton and here, something significant may be accomplished.

R. P. KENDALL, M. D.

REPORT FROM MISSION AT SEALE.

Right Reverend R. H. Wilmer, D. D., Bishop of Alabama.—Rev. Father in God:—By your direction, I make a report from Seale. Some ten or twelve years ago we had an organized Parish at this point, known as the Church of the Redeemer, consisting of some 30 Communicants. An effort was made to build a church, but from various causes it was unsuccessful. Nearly all the Communicants removed to other points, and those remaining were unable to keep up even Mission services. There are still, with some additions which have been made to the little flock from time to time, some 15 Communicants in and around the place. I found on my last visit (the 1st of April ult.), at which time I presented to you three candidates for confirmation, that there was quite a revival in the little flock, and an earnest desire to obtain the services of the church. The work which had been done years ago, had not been altogether lost upon those outside of our fold. Many besides our own people are yearning for something more real and substantial than that offered them by the sects. From the interest and earnestness manifested, I feel confident that a neat little chapel will be erected here before the close of the year; and as you appointed Major Waddell Lay Reader, with the right to exhort the people, I have much hope of a large and lasting growth of the church. I will, until further directed, hold services at this point as often as I can, and give them the benefits of the Sacraments and ordinances of the church. Faithfully, your servant in Christ and his Church,

DEB. WADDELL.

FAUNSDALE, MARENGO CO., May 7, 1885.

To the Rev. Dr. Cobbs, Dean of the Selma Convocation:

MISSIONARY WORK CONTRIBUTED BY W. A. STICKNEY.

1. Calvary Church, Pushmataha, Choctaw county.—Five visits have been made to this point. Services, Sermons, and Celebration of the Holy Communion rendered on each occasion, besides one private Celebration. Baptisms—Adults, two; Infants, two.

Communion Alms	$39 05
Funds Pledged for Services	50 00

I find some ten Communicants here, very desirous to maintain their Church unity through regular services. Once able to support a resident Rector, they are now reduced to beg Missionary aid for obtaining any Church ministration.

2. Dayton, Marengo county, has received two public services with sermons, besides a visitation from the Bishop. Baptisms, four; Confirma-

tions, three. As many as seventeen Communicants have been found in and about this point, and reported for Registration in St. Michael's Parish. The kindly bearing of the people "has been very marked" towards us, lending us one of their Churches for our services, and attending them. I hope to be able to make arrangements for a regular monthly service here.

3. St. Michael's Church, Marengo county, vacant, has received four services, and one Celebration of the Holy Communion; Baptisms, three; Funerals, two.

4. Faunsdale Station, on the Alabama Central Railroad, within the limits of St. Michael's Parish, has received four services and sermons. I have been urged by the regular Parishioners at this point to give them services there instead of the Parish Church, on account of the inconvenience and impracticability of reaching the Church, and in order to introduce the Church among strangers. A public room is furnished by the generosity of the Lodges.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS 1884-1885.

Baptisms	339
Marriages	87
Funerals	230
Confirmations	274
Sunday School Teachers	214
Sunday School Scholars	2,001

OFFERINGS.

Diocesan Missions	$ 1,748 69
Domestic Missions	216 12
Foreign Missions	98 07
Jewish Missions	47 35
University of the South	248 00
Salaries of Rectors	22,000 22
Other Church purposes	38,225 07
Total expenditures	$64,332 21

IN MEMORY

OF

REV. W. J. PERDUE.

Ordained Deacon by Rt. Rev. STEPHEN ELLIOTT, D. D., at Macon, Georgia, in 1855.

Ordained Priest by same Bishop, at Rome, Ga., in 1856.

Died, at Gadsden, Alabama, November, 1884.

"There remaineth, therefore, a rest to the people of God."

APPENDIX E.

Diocesan Treasurer's Account.

WILLIAM BARNEWALL, *Treasurer*,

In Account with DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

1884. *DR.*

May—By balance Account rendered			$ 330 43
1885.			
May—By St. Timothy Church, Athens		$ 20 00	
" Christ Church, Mobile		625 00	
" Cross Plains Mission		10 00	
" St. John's Church, Mobile		125 00	
" St. Paul's Church, Decatur		25 00	
" St. Paul's Church, Greensboro		150 00	
" St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro,	1883–'84..$35 00; 1884–'85.. 35 00	70 00	
" St. Paul's Church, Whistler		5 00	
" St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw		50 00	
" St. Paul's Church, Talladega		20 00	
" Trinity Church, Florence		15 00	
" St. John's Church, Montgomery		650 00	
" Trinity Church, Mobile		300 00	
" St. Paul's Church, Selma		350 00	
" St. Mark's Church, Prattville,	1883–'84..$13 00; 1884–'85.. 13 00	26 00	
" Church of the Nativity, Huntsville		325 00	
" St. Paul's Church, Carlowville		25 00	
" Grace Church, Dallas		10 00	
" Montevallo Mission		10 00	
" St. John's Church, Tuscumbia		15 00	
" Grace Church, Anniston		100 00	
" St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville		20 00	
" St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion		45 00	
" Church of the Advent, Birmingham		150 00	
" Christ Church, Tuskaloosa		150 00	
" Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown		50 00	
" St. Alban's Church, Brown's Station		10 00	
" St. James Church, Livingston		40 00	
" St. Mary's Church, Evergreen		10 00	
" St. Thomas' Church, Greenville		40 00	
" Trinity Church, Demopolis		100 00	
" St. Mark's Church, Boligee		15 00	
" St. Luke's Church, Scottsboro		15 00	
" Trinity Church, Union Springs		18 00	
" Amt. received from N. H. R. Dawson, Treasurer, on Account of Bishop's Fund		592 00	—4,176 00
Amount carried forward			$4,507 43

1885—By amount brought forward			$4,507 42
1884.	*CR.*		
May 1—To amount paid Rev. R. H. Cobbs, Secretary of the Convocation	$100 00		
Amt. paid Sexton St. Paul's, Selma		10 00	
Amt. paid Wm. Barnewall, Tr. of the Diocese.		50 00	
July 29—Amt. paid D. F. McCall & Co., on account printing Journal	$133 10		
Same in full	53 60		
1885.		186 70	
Mar. 17—Amt. paid D. F. McCall & Co., Printing Certificates	$10 00		
Exchange	08—	10 08	
April 9—Amt. paid N. Y. Life Ins. Co., half premium Life Policy Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, $245—half.		122 50	
May 4—Amt. paid General Convention, N. Y., Additional assessment	$13 50		
Exchange	10—	13 60	
Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, on account Salary of 1884–'85		3,854 00	
			4,346 89
Balance to credit cash in hand			$ 160 53

E.E.

Mobile, May 21, 1885.

WM. BARNEWALL,

Treas'r Diocese of Ala.

APPENDIX F.

Account of Treasurer Diocesan Mission Fund.

ROBERT MIDDLETON, *Treasurer,*
In Account with DIOCESAN MISSION FUND.

1884. *DR.*

May		To balance on hand last Convention	$ 275 72
1884 and 1885		Christ Church, Mobile	119 43
"	"	Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	18 10
"	"	St. Thomas, Greenville	45 00
"	"	Trinity Church, Mobile	20 90
"	"	Trinity Church, Demopolis	81 00
"	"	St. Paul's, Selma	208 00
"	"	St. Johns, Forkland	5 85
"	"	St. Andrews, Macon	15 65
"	"	Trinity Church, Florence	8 30
"	"	St. Paul's, Greensboro'	153 75
"	"	Grace Church, Anniston	100 00
"	"	Church of the Advent, Birmingham	119 62
"	"	St. John's, Montgomery	366 02
"	"	Church of Nativity, Huntsville	84 20
"	"	Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	100 00
"	"	St. Stephen's, Eutaw	12 00
"	"	Trinity Parish, Union Springs	10 65
	Jan. 26	Failed to enter Parish	4 50
		Balance brought over	187 52
Total			$1,748 69

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1884.				Voucher No.	
April 19	By	Bishop's draft,	Rev. F. B. Lee	1	$ 75 00
21	"	" "	Rev. G. R. Upton	2	50 00
May 24	"	" "	For prayer books	3	20 15
June 20	"	" "	Rev. J. F. Smith	4	50 00
Aug. 6	"	Beard's draft,	Rev. DeB Waddell	5	75 00
July 5	"	Receipt,	Rev. S. McQueen	6	125 00
July 29	"	Receipt,	Rev. S. McQueen	7	31 25
Aug. 6	"	Beard's draft,	Rev. B. F. Mower	8	32 50
Aug. 6	"	Beard's receipt		9	6 65
Aug. 6	"	Beard's draft,	Rev. F. B. Lee	10	30 00
Aug. 23	"	Bishop's draft,	Rev. J. S. Johnson	11	10 00
June 3	"	Receipt,	Rev. J. C. Taylor	12	33 50
July 17	"	Receipt,	Rev. J. C. Taylor	13	32 00
Aug. 30	"	Receipt,	Rev. J. C. Taylor	14	17 83
Sept. 20	"	Beard's draft,	Rev. G. R. Upton	15	25 00
Nov. 10	"	" "	Rev. G. R. Upton	16	8 61
Nov. 10	"	" "	Rev. DeB Waddell	17	25 83
Nov. 10	"	" "	Rev. S. McQueen	18	32 11
Nov. 10	"	" "	Rev. B. F. Mower	19	11 20
Nov. 10	"	" "	Rev. J. F. Smith	20	12 9[illegible]
Nov. 10	"	" "	Rev. J. C. Taylor	21	28 7[illegible]

t.	17..	"	Receipt, Rev. J. C. Taylor	22....	26 00
v.	10..	"	Beard's draft, Rev. F. B. Lee	23....	10 33
v.	24..	"	" " Rev. G. R. Upton	24....	11 40
v.	24..	"	" " Rev. DeB Waddell	25....	34 20
v.	24..	"	" " Rev. J. F. Smith	26....	5 30
v.	24..	"	" " Rev. S. McQueen	27....	42 50
v.	24..	"	Beard's receipt, Postal	28....	8 30
v-	24..	"	Beard's draft, Rev. F. B. Lee	29...	13 70
v.	24..	"	" " Rev. B. F. Mower	30....	14 80
5.					
ı.	12..	"	Beard's draft, Rev. DeB Waddell	31....	65 50
ı.	12..	"	" " Rev. S. McQueen	32....	82 15
ı.	12..	"	" " Rev. J. F. Smith	33....	32 25
ı.	12..	"	" " Rev. B. F. Mower	34....	20 00
4.					
v.	24..	"	Beard's draft, Rev. J. C. Taylor	35....	38 10
5.					
ı.	12..	"	Beard's draft, Rev. Rev. J. C. Taylor	36....	16 53
ı.	12..	"	" " Rev. F. B. Lee	37....	26 15
ı.	12..	"	" " Rev. G. R. Upton	38....	21 80
ɔ.	25..	"	" " Jack F. Ross, Treasurer	39....	56 65
ɔ.	25..	"	" " Rev. S. McQueen	40....	30 74
ɔ.	25..	"	" " Rev. DeB Waddell	41....	24 47
ɔ.	25..	"	" " Rev. B. F. Mower	42....	10 00
ɔ.	25..	"	" " Rev. G. R. Upton	43....	8 19
ɔ.	25..	"	" " Rev. J. F. Smith	44....	12 04
ɔ.	25..	"	" " Rev. F. B. Lee	45....	9 82
y	13..	"	" " Rev. DeB. Waddell	46....	75 00
y	13..	"	" " Rev. J. F. Smith	47....	37 50
y	13..	"	" " Rev. S. McQueen	48....	93 75
		"	Discount Nelson draft	25c.	
		"	Discount Tuskaloosa draft	50c.—	75
			Cash on hand		187 52
			Total		$1,748 69

[APPENDIX G.]

Rector's Report of Hamner Hall.

To the Right Reverend the Bishop of Alabama:

As the lease for six years expires with the 30th day of June, I beg to submit my report, covering, in some particulars, that period.

This property, through these years, from a forlorn and desolate condition, has become attractive without and within, and well fitted for school purposes. Except the needed attention to the walls of the main building, and the unrepaired condition of the square brick house in the yard, the main edifice, from roof to cellar, is in a most admirable condition. The bed rooms are now well ventilated, and arranged with sitting rooms adjoining. The three public rooms—Parlor, Reception Room and Library—are handsomely appointed, and the walls covered with costly works of art. The cultivation of the taste, as well as the comfort of our pupils, is, as far as practicable, provided for. The five acres are, in the main, well fenced (the entire fencing or repairs of fencing has fallen upon this property, the neighbors either refusing or neglecting to do their part), and have been so cleared and cultivated that an effective and pleasing landscape of gardens and groves add no little to the attractions of the place.

The School was opened by me 13th October, 1879, with 34 girls. It reopened in October, 1884, the beginning of the present school year, with 82. There have entered for the six scholastic years, all told, 423 pupils, most of whom, however, re-enter from year to year. There will have been graduated by the 23rd of June, 24.

There are some statistics in regard to the constancy of our patronage worthy of note. For example: Of the 34 girls who entered October 13th, 1879, nearly one-third re-entered last October, and have been, therefore, with perhaps but one exception, members of the School the entire six years. Of the present Senior Class of 11, five of the original pupils are candidates for graduation, while the greater part of the remainder have been in the School four years and over.

While the School does not, in any way, lay claim to the earlier formation of Christian character, which receives its germinal growth at home and in the Parish Church, yet the School may justly claim to have stimulated, guided and largely developed that which had already been formed. Our daily and impressive service, and the routine of churchly training, explanatory of the Christian year, as it moves from Advent to Trinity, have done much to aid both the parent and pastor. During these six

years 68 of the pupils have received confirmation, while others have been baptized as well as confirmed. One of the fruits of this work has been in the fact that 37 per cent. of all the pupils entered have come from denominational families, and none more than they have shown a heartier appreciation of our daily service.

Trusting the above statistics may interest the friends of the School, I would add, in conclusion, some matters of information as to the working of the School itself.

The methods of instruction employed here, involving, as they do, the more exhaustive principles of pedagogues, give a reality, enthusiasm and flavor to the education of our girls.

The discipline moves on from day to day, silently and frictionless, and the "scenes" that so often disturb a school are here unknown.

The organization is thorough and compact. The classification has a regular and consecutive solidity. The different forms and classes follow each other from year to year in a settled line of study.

There is another feature of our organization which promises for the future, great service to the School, in the "Associated Alumnæ." The graduates have banded themselves together for the single purpose of doing all they can, as occasion may offer, to promote the prosperity and perpetuity of their Alma Mater as a power for good.

It would be indelicate in me to state the amounts devoted, from year to year, to deserving pupils, either as to reduction or remission of fees; but a number of girls have in this way been aided in their education who, perhaps, otherwise might not have been able to pursue their studies, under the influence and guidance of the Church.

The financial report for the present year, with vouchers, is attached hereunto as an appendix. Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE M. EVERHART,

Montgomery, May 19, 1885. Rector of Hamner Hall.

Hamner Hall Rent Account.

GEORGE M. EVERHART,

In account with HAMNER HALL PROPERTY.

DR.

July 1, 1884, to July 1, 1885—Rent of same	$560 00	
To balance due on last year's rent	85 27	
		$645 27

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1884	*Voucher.*		
August —Wall Paper Hanging	A	$12 60	
Sept. 25—6 Doors, Plastering, &c	B	72 00	
Sept. 24—Repairs on Shed-rooms, &c	C	15 00	
Nov. 13—Repairs on Barn	D	4 00	
Oct. 29—Wall Paper, Glue, &c	E	16 25	
Dec. 8—Hardware	F	7 80	
1885			
Jan. 27—Repairing Gutters, &c	G	5 00	
Jan. 9—Putting down Drain and restoring Orphanage Fence	H	2 75	
Jan. 16—Panes of Glass and Putty	I	75	
Feb. 7—Hardware	J	7 35	
--Restoring rest of Orphanage Fence	K	2 75	
Mar. 1--Lumber	L	20 36	
Mar. 10--Architect Fee	M	30 00	
May 16--Carpeting, Tacks, &c	N	5 30	
May 19 -Check on Josiah Morris & Co		100 00	
			$301 91
			$343 36

Amount to be expended in repairs in whole or in part, under the Bishop's direction, and the same to be reported to him as to the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, as near the 1st July (the termination of present lease) as practicable.

GEORGE M. EVERHART.

Hamner Hall, May 19, 1885.

PROPOSED FORM FOR PAROCHIAL REPORT.

PARISHONERS.

Present Number of Families.....
Number Reported last year.....
Loss during the year.....
Gain during the year.....
Present Number of Souls in the Parish.....

ANALYSIS—
Number of Persons who are Members of Families.....
Number who are not Members of Families.....
Number of Unbaptized Persons.....

COMMUNICANTS.

Number Reported last year.....
Loss—By Death.....
Removal without notice.....
Dropped for Lack of Information.....
Suspended Temporarily.....
Excommunicated by Sanction of the Bishop.....
By Letter of Transfer.....

Total Loss.....
Gain—By Confirmation.....
By Letter of Transfer.....
Removal into the Parish without Letter.....
Admission to Communion.....
Restoration.....

Total Gain.....

Present Number of Baptized and Confirmed persons, not excommunicated or suspended, who are legally entitled to commune.....

ANALYSIS—
Male.....
Female.....
White.....
Colored.....
Contributing.....
Non-Contributing.....
Actual Communicants.....
Confirmed Persons who do not Commune.....
Doubtful.....

PARISH INSTITUTIONS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—
Number of Teachers—Male, ...; Female, ...; .....Total.....
Number of Pupils—Male, ...; Female, ...; .....Total.....
Superintendent.....
Librarian.....

What office, if any, does the Rector fill? .....

Have you a Mission School? .....

Number of Teachers, ...; Number of Pupils, ...; Total...

Have you a Parish Day School? .....

Number of Teachers, ...; Number of Pupils, ...; Total...

Have you a Guild, or Parish Society? .....

Number of Members .....

Amount raised during the past year.....

PRIESTLY OFFICES.

Baptisms—Adults, ...; Infants, ...; .....Total...
White, ...; Colored, ...; .....Total...

Celebrations of the Holy Communion—Public, ...; Private, ...; Total...

Marriages.....

Burials.....

Churchings.....

Official Visitations of the Sick, with Service.....

Visitations of the Sick, without Service.....

Catechisings.....

Other occasional offices (specify).....

Number of sermons preached.....

Number of lectures and addresses delivered.....

Instructions to classes in the nature of lectures, requiring similar preparation .....

Estimated number of Parochial visits .....

Total of items of Priestly labor, omitting Parochial visits.....

EPISCOPAL ACTS.

Number of visitations during the year.....

Number of persons Confirmed—Male, ...; Female, ...
White, ...; Colored, ...

Number of services held by the Bishop.....

Number of catechisings by the Bishop.....

Number of sermons and addresses by the Bishop .....

Occasional offices—Baptisms, ...; Burials.....

Other acts.....

PUBLIC SERVICES.

Number of public services on Sundays.....

Number of sessions of the Sunday School .....

Number of sessions of Mission School.....

Number of week day services — On Holy Days, Saint's Day, Litany Days, Ember, Rogation, Thanksgiving, etc.....

Number of sessions of Confirmation classes.....

Number of sessions of Bible and other classes not connected with the Sunday School.....

FINANCIAL REPORT.

General Objects—

Foreign Missions.....

Domestic Missions.....

Indian Missions .....

Missions to the Jews .....

Bible and Prayer Book Society.....

Other objects.....

Total .....

ocesan Objects—

Support of the Episcopate.....
Contingent Fund.....
Diocesan Missions.....
Church Home.....
University of the South.....
Disabled Clergy and Widows' and Orphans' Fund.....
Other Diocesan objects (specify).....

Total.....

rochial Objects—

Rector's salary (amount actually paid the past year).....
Current expenses.....
Repairs and improvements.....
Sunday School offertory.....
Communion alms.....
Amount raised by Parish Guilds or Societies.....
Traveling or other expenses paid Missionary, Rector or other Clergymen.....
Missionary work in Parish.....
Purchases (specify).....
Other.....

Total.....

rearages—

Payments on Parochial Debt—Interest.....$
Principal.....
Arrearages to Rector.....
Arrearages to Diocesan Assessment.....
Arrearages to Contingent Fund.....
Arrearages to other.....

Total.....$

statement—

General.....$
Diocesan.....
Parochial.....

Grand aggregate for the year.....$

esent Condition—

Mortgage debt.....$
Floating debt.....
Assessments, salaries, etc., due.....
Cash on hand.....
Special Fund held in trust.....
Assets due and not collected.....
Amount of insurance on property.....

Total.....$

CAPITAL INVESTED—

Cost of Church ..... $
Estimated present value .....
Cost of Rectory..... .....
Estimated present value .....
Other real estate and buildings ....
Furniture--Organ, library, furnace, etc.....

Total present valuation..... .. .. $

Name of Rector, Name of Senior Warden,

....

Name of Treasurer, Name of Clerk of Vestry,

....

Name of Parish, ... Town, ... County, ...

When first organized, ..., ...

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May 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd.

1886.

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LIST OF CLERGY

Canonically Belonging to the Diocese of Alabama.

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RT. REV. RICHARD H. WILMER, D.D. LL.D.	Mobile.
REV. WM. T. ALLEN, St. James Church	Livingston.
" J. M. BANISTER, D. D., Church of the Nativity	Huntsville.
" R. W. BARNWELL, St. Paul's Church	Selma.
" T. J. BEARD, Church of the Advent	Birmingham
" OBRE R. BOURNE (Deacon), St. Luke's Church	Jacksonville
" WALLACE CARNAHAN, Grace Church	Anniston.
" R. H. COBBS, D. D., St. Paul's Church	Greensboro.
" THOS. A. COOK,	Alpine.
" GEO. M. EVERHART, D.D., Rector Hamner Hall	Montgomery
" JOHN J. HARRIS (Deacon) Assistant, Christ Church	Tuskaloosa.
" JOHN A. HARRISON, D.D., Trinity Church	Demopolis.
" D. F. HOKE, (Deacon)	Anniston.
" J. S. JOHNSTON, Trinity Church	Mobile.
" WM. W. KIMBALL, St. Paul's Church	Whistler.
" F. B. LEE, St. Paul's Church	Minter.
" STEWART MCQUEEN, St. Wilfrid's Church	Marion.
" B. F. MOWER, Trinity Church	Florence.
" A. W. PIERCE, Church of the Good Shepherd	Mobile.
" J. F. SMITH, St. Peter's Church	Talladega.
" STEPHEN U. SMITH, St. Stephen's Church	Eutaw.
" ERASTUS W. SPALDING, D.D., St. James' Church	Eufaula.
" WM. A. STICKNEY, Church of Holy Cross, Uniontown,	Faunsdale.
" HORACE STRINGFELLOW, D.D., St. John's Church	Montgomery
" JAS. H. STRINGFELLOW, Christ Church	Tuskaloosa.
" JOSEPH L. TUCKER, D.D., Christ Church	Mobile.
" GARDINER C. TUCKER, St. John's Church	Mobile.
" GEO. R. UPTON, St. Thomas' Church	Greenville.
" J. A. VANHOOSE (Deacon Ass't), Church of Advent	Birmingham
" DEB. WADDELL, Trinity Church	Union Springs

Officers of the Council.

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Sister HARRIET	Church Home,	Mobile.
" IRENE	" "	"
" REBECCA	" "	"
" ELIZABETH	" "	"
" SARAH	" "	"
" BELLE	" "	"
" MARY	" "	"
" MARY	" "	"

Candidate for Priest's Orders:

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Candidate for Deacon's Orders:

PERCY GORDON.

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List of Parishes and Mission Points in the Diocese of Alabama, May 19, 1886.

Anniston—Grace Church	Rev.	W. Carnahan.
Athens—St. Timothy		Vacant.
Auburn—Building begun	"	DeB. Waddell.
Autaugaville—St Matthews' Church		Vacant.
Brierfield Mission—No Building	"	J. F. Smith.
Birmingham—Church of the Advent	"	T. J. Beard.
Bon Secour Mission	"	W. W. Kimball.
Brown's Station Mission—No Bulding	"	W. A. Stickney.
Calera Mission—No Building	"	J. F. Smith.
Camden—St. Mary's Church		Vacant.
Carlowville—St. Paul's Church	"	F. B. Lee.
Clayton—Grace Church	"	E. W. Spalding, D. D.
Claiborne Mission—No Building	"	Geo. R. Upton
Cross Plains—Christ Church		Rev. J. F. Smith, Rev. O. A. Bourne, Deacon, assisting.
Dallas County—Grace Church	Rev.	F. B. Lee.
Dallas County—St. Luke's Church	"	Stewart McQueen.
Dallas County—St David's Church		Almost extinct.
Decatur—St. Paul's Church		Vacant.
Demopolis—Trinity Church	"	J. A. Harrison, D. D.
Eufaula—St. James Church	"	E W. Spalding, D. D.
Eutaw—St. Stephen's Church	"	S U. Smith.
Evergreen—St. Mary's Church	"	Geo. R. Upton.
Forkland—St. John's Church	"	Jno. A. Harrison, D. D
Fork of Greene—St Mark's Church	"	W. T. Allen.
Florence—Trinity Church	"	B. F. Mower.
Gainesville—St. Alban's Church	"	W. T. Allen.
Greensboro—St Paul's Church	"	R. H. Cobbs, D D.
Greenville—St Thomas' Church	"	Geo. R. Upton.
Hayneville—St Andrew's Church	"	Geo. R. Upton.
Huntsville—Church of the Nativity	"	J. M. Banister, D. D.
Jacksonville—St Luke's		Rev. J. F. Smith; O. R Bourne, Deacon, assist's
Jenifer Mission—No Building	Rev.	J. F. Smith.
Lowndesboro—St. Paul's Church	"	Geo R Upton.
Livingston—St James' Church	"	Wm. T. Allen.
Marion—St. Wilfrid's Church	"	Stewart McQueen.
Marengo County—St. Michael's		Vacant.
Montevallo—Church	"	J. F. Smith.
Morgan County—Grace Church		Vacant.
Montgomery—St. John's Church	"	H. Stringfellow, D. D.
Mobile—Christ Church	"	J. L. Tucker, D. D.
Mobile—Trinity Church	"	J. S. Johnston.

Mobile—St. John's Church	Rev.	Gardiner L. Tucker.
Mobile—Church of the Good Shepherd	"	A. W. Pierce.
Opelika—Emanuel Church	"	DeB. Waddell.
Prairieville—St. Andrew's	"	R. H. Cobbs, D. D.
Prattville—St. Mark's Church		.....
Pushmataha—Calvary Church	"	W. A. Stickney.
Seale Mission	"	DeB. Waddell.
Selma—St. Paul's Church	"	R. W. Barnwell.
Scottsboro—St. Luke's Church	"	J. M. Banister, D. D.
Spring Hill—St. Paul's Church	"	The Bishop.
Talladega—St. Peter's Church	"	J. F. Smith.
Tuskaloosa—Christ Church	"	J. H. Stringfellow.
Tuscumbia—St. John's Church	"	B. F. Mower.
Troy—St. Mark's Church	"	DeB. Waddell.
Uniontown—Church of the Holy Cross	"	W. A. Stickney.
Union Springs—Trinity Church	"	DeB. Waddell.
Whistler—St. Paul's Church	"	W. W. Kimball.

Deans and Convocations:

Convocation of Mobile—Rev. J. S. Johnston, Dean. This Convocation embraces counties of Mobile and Baldwin.

Convocation of Montgomery—Rev. Horace Stringfellow, D. D., Dean. This Convocation embraces counties of Montgomery, Conecuh, Butler, Lowndes, Autauga, Lee, Russell, Pike, Bullock and Barbour.

Convocation of Selma—Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D., Dean. This Convocation embraces counties of Dallas, Perry, Marengo, Hale, Choctaw, and part of Greene.

Convocation of Birmingham—Rev. T. J. Beard, Dean. Embracing the counties of Jefferson, Tuskaloosa, Sumter, part of Greene, St. Clair, Shelby, Bibb, Talladega, and Calhoun.

Convocation of Huntsville—Rev. J. M. Banister, D. D., Dean. Embracing counties of Madison, Jackson, Limestone, Morgan, Lawrence, Franklin, and Lauderdale

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FIRST DAY.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Council of the PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, in the Diocese of Alabama, assembled in Grace Church, Anniston, May 19th, 1886.

The Church was consecrated at 10 o'clock A. M., the sermon being preached by Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D., from Exo. xii. 26:

"What mean ye by this service?"

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by Rt. Rev. C. T. QUINTARD, D. D., Bishop of Tennessee.

Immediately after service, the Council was called together in the Opera House by the Rt. Rev. President, who presented the following

List of Clergy entitled to Seats in the Council, May, 1886:

RT. REV. RICH'D H. WILMER, D. D. LL.D.

Rev. W. T. Allen,	Rev. J. M. Banister, D. D.
" R. W. Barnwell,	" T. J. Beard,
" Obre A. Bourne,†	" W. Carnahan,
" R. H. Cobbs, D. D.	" Thos. A. Cook,
" Geo. M. Everhart, D. D.	" John J. Harris,
" John A. Harrison, D. D.	" Dan'l F. Hoke,
" Jas. J. Johnston,	" W. W. Kimball,
" F. B. Lee,	" Stewart McQueen,
" B. F. Mower,	" A. W. Pierce,
" J. F. Smith,	" S. U. Smith,
" Erastus W. Spalding, D. D.	" W. A. Stickney,
" Horace Stringfellow, D. D.	" James H. Stringfellow,
" Joseph L. Tucker, D. D.	" Gardiner C. Tucker,
" Geo. R. Upton,	" J. A. Van Hoose,
" DeB. Waddell.	

†Not entitled to vote on account of recent ordination; not six months resident as a minister.

The Secretary of the last Council called the Roll, as thus presented, and the following answered to their names:

RT. REV. RICH'D H. WILMER, D. D. LL.D.

Rev. W. T. Allen,	Rev. J. M. Banister, D. D.
" R. W. Barnwell,	" T. J. Beard,
" Obre A. Bourne,	" W. Carnahan,
" R. H. Cobbs, D.D.	" Thos. A. Cook,
" Dan'l F. Hoke,	" Jas. S. Johnston,
" F. B. Lee,	" Stewart McQueen,
" B. F. Mower,	" J. F. Smith,
" Erastus W. Spalding, D.D.	" W. A. Stickney,
" Horace Stringfellow, D.D.	" J. H. Stringfellow,
" Joseph L. Tucker, D.D.	" Gardiner C. Tucker,
" G. R. Upton,	" DeB. Waddell.

As provided for by Canon, the Treasurer presented the following

List of Parishes entitled to Representation in this Council:

Christ Church, Mobile.	Calvary Church, Pushmataha.
Church of the Advent, Birmingham.	St. Peter's Church, Bon Secour.
Church of Holy Cross, Uniontown.	Christ Church, Cross Plains.
Grace Church, Clayton.	St. Alban's Church, Brown's Station
St. John's Church, Forkland.	St. John's Church, Mobile.
St. John's Church, Montgomery.	St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.	St. Paul's Church, Decatur.
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro.	St. Paul's Church, Whistler.
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.	St. Peter's Church, Talladega.
St. Paul's Church, Selma.	St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.
Montevallo Mission.	Brierfield Mission.
St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.	St. Thomas' Church, Greenville.
St. Mary's Church, Evergreen.	Grace Church, Anniston.
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.	Trinity Church, Mobile.

The list of Parishes so entitled was called, and credentials of Lay Deputies were presented and referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. W. A. STICKNEY, Rev. J. H. STRINGFELLOW, and Rev. G. R. UPTON.

This committee reported the following Lay Deputies entitled to seats:

Christ Church, Mobile.

R. S. Bunker.		T. S. Fry,
W. H. Ross.	Wm. Barnewall,	Robert Middleton.

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

A. Hill, E. N. C. Snow, H. H. Cribbs, J. H. Fitts, W. A. Cochrane.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro.

C. L. Stickney, C. E. Waller, V. G. Snedecor, T. K. Jones, R. H. Cobbs, Jr.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.

R. M. Nelson, J. F. John, N. H. R. Dawson, Geo. A. Wilkins, Wm. Bergh.

St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.

J. D. Allison, Sr. W. A. Bibb, J. D. Allison, Jr. Benj. Reynolds, Jr.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.

R. H. Evins, Spencer L. Nolan, E. B. Thompson.

Trinity Church, Mobile.

H. T. Toulmin, J. T. Poe, O. F. Cawthorn, M. T. Taylor.

St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.

Peyton Rowan, John Forney, Wm. Dean.

St. John's Church, Mobile.

James Bond, Henry Tonsmeire, Herbert Jones, Dan Harris, Henry Laffre.

St. Peter's Church, Talladega.

J. F. Slaughter, Henry C. Bingham.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.

C. T. Pollard, W. W. Screws, T. G. Foster, Joel White, W. W. Stringfellow.

Church of the Advent, Birmingham.

R. H. Pearson, W. J. Milner, J. P. Mudd, Robert Jemison, G. D. West.

St. Thomas' Church, Greenville.

D. G. Dunkling, C. B. Herbert, E. Crenshaw.

Grace Church, Anniston.

A. L. Tyler, F. M. Hight, John W. Noble, W. Y. Titcomb.

St. Mary's Church, Evergreen.

P. D. Bowles, Charles Savage.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

J. M. Langhorne, Edwin Shield, J. W. Bush.

St. Alban's Church, Brown's Station.

C. R. Gwin, Thos. H. Lewis.

Calvary Church, Pushmataha.

C. R. Watson, J. B. Mortimore, James G. Horn.

Christ Church, Cross Plains.

Frank Fitch.

Auburn Mission.

James Clayton.

Their names being called, the following were found to be present, viz.:

Messrs. R. S. Bunker, Wm. Barnewall, A. Hill, E. N. C. Snow, C. L. Stickney, Joseph F. John, J. D. Alison, Sr., J. D. Alison, Jr., Jas. Bond, W. W. Stringfellow, D. G. Dunkling, A. L. Tyler, J. W. Noble, F. H. Hight, W. Y. Titcomb, Frank Fitch, James Clayton.

A quorum being present, the Council was declared to be duly organized.

Rev. R. H. COBBS, D. D., was nominated and elected Secretary.

On motion, the Rules of Order of the last Council were adopted for the government of this Council.

On motion, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Tennessee, was invited to attend the sessions of this Council and occupy a seat by the Rt. Rev. President.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 10 o'clock, A. M, Thursday.

SECOND DAY.

ANNISTON, ALA., May 20, 1886.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. After prayer, the roll was called, and a quorum found to be present. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Rev. GEO. M. EVERHART, D. D., and Messrs. T. S. FRY, W. H. ROSS, ROBERT MIDDLETON, J. H. FITTS, R. H. COBBS, Jr., R. M. NELSON, GEO. A. WILKINS, M. T. TAYLOR, JOEL WHITE, W. W. SCREWS, T. G. FOSTER, J. F. SLAUGHTER, JOHN FORNEY, appeared and took their seats.

The Church of the Nativity, Huntsville; St. Luke's Church, Scottsboro; St. James' Church, Livingston, and Trinity Church, Demopolis, were declared by the Treasurer to be entitled to representation. Certificates of election of Lay Deputies presented by these Parishes, were declared by the Committee to be in due form, and the following Deputies entitled to seats in the Council:

Church of the Nativity, Huntsville—Peter M. Dox, Jas. L. Watkins, Percy Gordon, Jas. R. Stevens.

St. Luke's Church, Scottsboro—J. J. W. Payne, Frank Parks, C. L. Beach, Alexander Snodgrass.

St. James' Church, Livingston—N. T. Randall, T. Clanton.

Trinity Church, Demopolis—D. F. Prout, C. B. Whitfield, N. G. Winn, F. G. Lyon.

Their names being called, Mr. PERCY GORDON, Mr. D. F. PROUT, and Mr. N. T. RANDALL, appeared and took their seats. The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Tennessee also took a seat in the Council.

The following Standing Committees were announced by the President:

Committee on the State of the Church.—Rev. J. M. Banister, D. D., Rev. F. B. Lee, Rev. T. J. Beard, Rev. B. F. Mower, Rev. J. S. Johnston, Rev. J. F. Smith, Rev. DeB. Waddell, and Messrs. R. S. Bunker, Alonzo Hill, J. D. Alison, Sr., Joseph F. John, and Frank Fitch.

Committee on Canons—Rev. H. Stringfellow, D. D., Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., Rev. R. W. Barnwell, Rev. W. Carnahan, and Messrs. James Bond, W. Y. Titcomb, F. H. Hight, W. W. Screws.

Committee on Finance—Messrs. R. M. Nelson, Joel White, W. H. Ross, C. L. Stickney, D. F. Prout, Wm. Barnewall, D. G. Dunkling, M. T. Taylor, Alfred L. Tyler, Geo. A. Wilkins, and Rev. W. A. Stickney, Rev. Geo. M. Everhart, D. D., Rev. J. H. Stringfellow, Rev. E. W. Spalding, D. D.

Committee on Unfinished Business—Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D., Mr. E. N. C. Snow.

The following annual communication from the Standing Committee of the Diocese, was presented and read:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee report the following acts done by them since the last Council:

Organization—The Rev. J. S. Johnston was elected President, and James Bond, Secretary.

The Committee approved, and authorized payment of the account of the Diocesan Printer, viz.: $139.75.

December 24, 1885.—Recommended Percy Gordon, of Huntsville, to the Bishop to be received as candidate for Deacon's Orders only.

December 28, 1885.—Recommended Obre Adolph Bourne, (a candidate for Deacon's Orders only), to be ordained to the office of Deacon.

J. S. JOHNSTON, *President.*

JAMES BOND, *Secretary.*

The Bishop of the Diocese then read his Annual Address, the statistical part of which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Rev. S. U. SMITH and Mr. W. A. COCHRANE appeared and took their seats.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Tennessee, then, by invitation, made a short address to the Council.

The following was presented and read:

The Committee appointed at the last Convention to report upon such amendments as might be deemed advisable in the Charter of Incorporation of this Diocese, and of the Parishes thereof, the better to secure the tenure of Church Property, have had the same under careful consideration, and submit herewith, as the result of their deliberations, the draft of a Bill which they recommend shall be submitted by direction of this Council to the Legislature of Alabama, asking that it be enacted as an amendment to the present act of Incorporation.

The Committee have had the benefit of the counsel and advice of the Bishop, who approves of the proposed amendments, and personally urged some of them upon the attention of your Committee.

The case of Christ Church, Chicago, as well as other instances in which Church Property has been diverted from the use and benefit of this Church, admonish us of the necessity now, in these times of rest and quiet, of providing against the necessary consequences attending strife and division, from which, unfortunately, we cannot look for entire exemption.

The proposed Bill, if enacted, will diminish the evils attending any future strife and division. It will make it impossible for dissenters or seceders to take with them Church Property.

The proposed Bill also provides a method for the change of location, or change of investment, when necessary, by consent of the Bishop and Council of the Diocese.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES BOND,
H. T. TOULMIN, } Committee.
FRANK B. CLARK,

The Committee recommended the adoption of the Resolution hereto appended:

Resolved, That the proposed Amended Act of Incorporation be printed in the Appendix to the Journal of this Council, and be presented to the next session of the Legislature of this State with the request that it be enacted as the Amended Charter of this Church, and that, in the mean time, amendments may be made to the proposed Act, if approved by the Bishop and the Standing Committee.

This Report was, on motion, received and concurred in; the Resolution was adopted, and the proposed Act was considered *seriatim*, and after several alterations was approved and ordered to be printed in the Appendix.

The Council then withdrew from the Opera House and came to order in Grace Church.

A telegram, conveying fraternal greetings from the Diocese of Mississippi was received and read, and by a vote of the Council, a suitable response was made.

The Council then adjourned till 5 o'clock P. M.

ANNISTON, ALA., May 20th, 1886, 5 o'clock, P. M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. The Reports of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, the Treasurer of the Diocese and the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund were presented and received, and on motion, were referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following was presented and read, and on motion was received and concurred in:

The Committee appointed by the last Convention to consider and report upon the proposed changes in the Prayer Book, beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the subject, and are of the opinion

I. That the proposed changes in the Prayer Book ought to be acted upon, in the matter of acceptance or rejection, as a whole.

II. That while many of these proposed changes are greatly to be desired, they ought not to be accepted as a whole.

III. That it is inadvisable to attempt the necessary corrections and amendments at and during the session of the General Convention, since it involves the revision of the Prayer Book by means of "popular debate," and no satisfactory result can reasonably be hoped for through such means.

IV. That the following Resolutions should be adopted by the Diocesan Convention:

Resolved, I. That the Diocese of Alabama advises that the whole subject matter of changes in the Prayer Book be recommitted by the General Convention to the same, or some other, learned Committee with ample provision of time for revision.

The Committee would add, that in the Providence of God, one of its members, Mr. Augustus Benners, was called away by death, and that they were thus deprived of the aid and counsel he was so well qualified to give.

R. H. COBBS, *Chairman.*

A Resolution in regard to Lay Deputies, and also one relating to a memorial concerning an Appellate Court, were presented and, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 9½ o'clock, A. M., Friday.

THIRD DAY.

ANNISTON, May 21st, 1886,

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. After prayers the roll was called, a quorum was found to be present and the Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Mr. ROBERT JEMISON and Mr. WM. DEAN appeared and took their seats.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon, was declared to be entitled to representation, and the certificate of Lay Deputies to be in due form, and their names being called, Mr. C. A. SMITH appeared and took his seat.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended and certain papers referred to the Committee on Canons.

On motion, the Rules of Order were again suspended and Parochial Reports were presented to the Bishop and referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The proposed changes in the Constitution which were approved by a two-thirds vote of the last Council, and referred for action to this Council, were then considered, and the Council voting by orders, it was unanimously resolved that the words "or time," be inserted in Article 2 of the Constitution, after the words "convenient place." And the Council again voting by orders, it was

Resolved, To strike out the word "Convention" wherever it occurs in the Constitution, and substitute the word "Council."

The Proposed Form for Parochial Reports was then taken up; several alterations were made, and certain sections were adopted, when, by vote of the Council, the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

The Council then voted by ballot for the Standing Committee of the Diocese, Rev. STEWART McQUEEN and Mr. W. A. COCHRANE, being appointed Tellers, and the balloting resulted in the election of Rev. J. S. JOHNSTON, Rev. J. L. TUCKER, D. D., Rev. G. C. TUCKER, and Mr. JAMES BOND, Mr. R. S. BUNKER and Mr. H. T. TOULMIN.

The Council then proceeded to vote by ballot for Deputies to the General Convention—Rev. STEWART McQUEEN and Mr. JAMES CLAYTON being appointed Tellers to collect the Clerical vote, and Rev. J. H. STRINGFELLOW and Mr. T. G. FOSTER to collect the Lay vote.

The Council, voting by Parishes and orders, elected the following Deputies to the General Convention:

Clerical—Rev. H. Stringfellow, D D., Rev J. M. Banister, D D., Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., Rev. T. J. Beard

Lay.—Mr. R. M. Nelson, Mr A. L. Tyler, Mr. J H. Fitts, Mr. James Bond.

ALTERNATE DEPUTIES.

Clerical.—Rev. R. W. Barrevell, Rev. J. S. Johnston, Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D., Rev. G. M. Everhart, D. D.

Lay.—J W. Noble, P. Bryce, Joel White, H. T. Toulmin.

The resignation of R. F. MICHEL as Trustee of the University of the South was presented and accepted and Mr. W. W. SCREWS was elected to fill the vacancy. Mr. ELLIS PHELAN, the other Trustee, having left the State, Mr. J. W. NOBLE was elected to take his place.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund presented a Report which was read, and, on motion, was received and concurred in. (See Appendix.)

The following was presented and read:

The Committee on Finance beg to report that they have examined and audited the accounts of Mr. Robert Middleton as Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, and find that, including the balance on hand at the last Convention, he has received the sum of..... $1,683 58
and that he has properly expended the sum of..... 1,621 44

leaving a balance on hand of..... $ 62 14

The Committee further report that they have also examined and audited the accounts of Mr. William Barnewall, as Treasurer of the Diocese, and find

that, including the balance on hand at the last Convention, he has received the sum of.....$4,457 10
and that he has properly expended the sum of..... 4.297 10

leaving a balance on hand of.....$ 160 00

The Committee further report that they have examined and audited the accounts of Mr. N. H. R. Dawson, as Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund. There was no balance on hand at the last Convention, and the Treasurer has received from interest and rents, the sum of.....$651 78
and has properly expended the following sums:

Repairs on Hamner Hall.....	$ 27 21	
William Barnewall, Treasurer.....	624 57	—$651 78

leaving no balance on hand.

The Committee in connection with the Report of the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund, would suggest to the Convention that they seriously consider the propriety of increasing the income from the Bishop's Fund by

1st. Selling the present low interest securities belonging thereto, as the opportunity for reinvestment may arise, and reinvesting the proceeds in other securities bearing a higher rate of interest, such as bonds secured by a first mortgage of productive real estate, or in such other securities as may be approved by the Trustees.

2nd. By selling, or leasing for long terms, on a stated ground, rent to be paid semi-annually, five lots of the Hamner Hall property, of about 50x150 feet, fronting on a new street some sixty feet in width, to be opened up through the same, to the division fence, between the land leased by Dr. Everhart and the Orphans' Home lot. An increase of from five to eight per cent. on $5,000, will be gained by such sale or lease.

The heavy assessments levied upon the Parishers for the ordinary current expenses of the Diocese, limit their capacity for contribution to Diocesan Missions, and other most worthy objects, and reproach is thus brought upon the Parishes and the Diocese.

The Committee submit the following as

THE REQUIREMENTS FOR 1886-'87.

Bishop's Salary.....	$4,000 00
Premium on Policy of Insurance on Life of the Bishop.....	122 50
Secretary of the Convention.....	100 00
Treasurer of the Diocese.....	50 00
Expenses of the Convention.....	15 00
Printing the Journal.....	175 00
Assessment for General Convention.....	100 00
Balance due the Bishop.....	271 85
Total.....	$4,833 85

And the following as the

ESTIMATED RESOURCES FOR 1886-'87.

Approximate interest from Bishop's Fund.....	$ 891 50
Assessments for 1886-'87, (Exhibit A.).....	3,845 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	160 00
Due from delinquent Parishes, (Exhibit B.).....	177 50
Total.....	$5,074 00

EXHIBIT A.

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1886–'87.

t Church, Mobile	$ 625 00
t Church, Tuscaloosa	125 00
h of the Advent, Birmingham	250 00
h of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	50 00
h of the Nativity, Huntsville	300 00
t Church, Cross Plains	10 00
uel Church, Opelika	5 00
len Mission	10 00
Church, Anniston	100 00
Church, Clayton	20 00
Church, Dallas County	10 00
evallo Mission	10 00
lban's Church, Gainesville	10 00
ndrew's Church, Hayneville	15 00
ndrew's Church, Macon Station	45 00
avid's Church, Dallas County	5 00
mes' Church, Eufaula	50 00
mes' Church Livingston	40 00
hn's Church, Forkland	20 00
hn's Church, Mobile	125 00
hn's Church, Montgomery	650 00
hn's Church, Tuscumbia	15 00
uke's Church, Jacksonville	20 00
uke's Church, Scottsboro	15 00
ark's Church, Fork of Greene	20 00
ark's Church, Prattville	10 00
ark's Church, Troy	15 00
ary's Church, Camden	5 00
ary's Church, Evergreen	15 00
atthews' Church, Autaugaville	5 00
ichael's Church, Marengo County	55 00
ry Church, Pushmataha	5 00
aul's Church, Carlowville	25 00
aul's Church, Decatur	25 00
aul's Church, Greensboro	150 00
aul's Church, Lowndesboro	15 00
aul's Church, Selma	350 00
aul's Church, Spring Hill	5 00
aul's Church, Whistler	5 00
eter's Church, Talladega	20 00
tephen's Church, Eutaw	50 00
homas' Church, Greenville	30 00
imothy's Church, Athens	15 00
ilfred's Church, Marion	45 00
ty Church, Demopolis	100 00
ty Church, Florence	15 00
ty Church, Mobile	300 00
ty Church Union Springs	10 00
lban's Church, Brown's Station	5 00
field Mission	15 00
ner Hall	10 00
Total	$3,845 00

EXHIBIT B.

PARISHES IN ARREARS.

St. Timothy Church, Athens, 1885-'86	$ 18 00
Gadsden Mission, 1884-'85-'86	20 00
*St. Andrew's Church, Macon, 1885-'86	45 00
Trinity Church, Union Springs, 1885-'86	13 00
St. John's Church, Forkland, 1885-'86, balance	11 50
St. Michael's Church, Faunsdale, 1884-'85-'86	70 00
Total	$ 177 50

The Committee recommend that the following arrears be remitted:

St. James Church, Eufaula	$ 280 00
St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill	10 00
Emanuel Church, Opelika	20 00
St. David's Church, Dallas County	10 00
St. Mary's Church, Camden	5 00
St. Mark's Church, Fork of Green	30 00
St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville	10 00
St. Mark's Church, Troy	40 00
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro	19 00
Total	$ 424 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. M. Nelson, Wm. H. Ross, Alfred Irby,
W. A. Stickney, D. G. Dunklin, A. F. Prout,
Geo. M. Everhart, C. L. Stickney, Erastus W. Spalding,
Geo. A. Wilkins, Joel White, M. Temple Taylor,
J. W. H. Stringfellow.

On motion, this Report was received and concurred in.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the next Annual Session of this Council be held in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro, beginning Wednesday, the 11th day of May, 1887.

A Resolution in relation to a Memorial was presented and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Canons.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be, and is hereby given, to the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, to make such change in the securities belonging to that Fund as may seem to them expedient.

Resolved, That permission be, and is hereby given, to lease certain lots on the Hamner Hall property.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to print in the Journal the Rules of Order governing this Council and the order of business of the same.

* St. Andrew's Church, Macon, paid after the Treasurer's account was closed.

Notice was given, in open Convention, that to-morrow a motion would be made to alter the Canons by substituting the word "Council" for "Convention" wherever it occurs.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have printed 500 copies of the Journal.

The following Resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That we, the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Alabama, in Council assembled, do hereby most heartily congratulate our beloved Bishop, Richard Hooker Wilmer, on having recently attained the scriptural age of three score years and ten; do assure him of our love and affection; and sincerely trust that he may be long spared to us, to be in the future as he has been in the past, an honor and a blessing to the Church.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary condense the Parochial Reports into a Tabular Statement, and print the same in the Journal, arranging the Parishes in alphabetical order, by the names of the towns in which they are located.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, by a rising vote, That this Council hereby expresses its grateful appreciation of the generous entertainment afforded its members by the Church in Anniston, and especially by the proprietors of the elegant "Inn," whose assiduous attention has anticipated our every want in such cordial and hearty manner, as demands our gratitude and lasting remembrance

On motion, the Council adjourned till 5 o'clock, P. M.

ANNISTON, ALA., May 21st, 1886, 5 o'clock, P. M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. On motion, the Council proceeded to vote, by ballot, for Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, and Messrs. N. H. R. DAWSON, JOSIAH MORRIS and J. H. FITTS, were elected, MR. DAWSON being designated as Treasurer.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Clergy be requested to call the attention of their respective congregations to the duty of giving tithes, or setting apart a certain portion of their incomes, for the benefit of the Church and other religious purposes, thereby improving the present financial condition of the Diocese.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Council that if an honest effort be made to discharge the duty of tithe-giving, it will not prove as difficult as it may appear to some, and that they will reap in return inestimable spiritual blessings.

The Council then went into a Committee of the Whole on the State of the Church, and after an interval resumed its session.

The following was presented and read:

The Committee on Canons have had under consideration the Memorial of the Diocese of Louisiana, and also the Resolution offered by the Lay delegate from Trinity Church, Mobile, in reference thereto, and beg respectfully to report that they deem it inexpedient that the Diocese of Alabama should take any action in reference to the subject contained therein.

H. STRINGFELLOW, *Chairman.*

On motion, this Report was received and concurred in.

The Committee on Canons recommend the adoption of the following amendment:

Amend Paragraph 2, Canon I. Title I. by adding the words "each Vestry or Minister in charge shall send to the Secretary of the Council the name of each Deputy elected or appointed to represent such Parish or Mission Station, as soon as elected or appointed."

H. STRINGFELLOW, *Chairman.*

On motion, this amendment was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Canons recommended the adoption by the Council of Alabama, of the following Memorial to the General Convention. (Appendix I.)

On motion, this Report was concurred in.

The Committeee on Canons recommended the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Chancellor and the Standing Committee of the Diocese be requested to make a complete Digest of the Canons, and submit such alterations or amendments as in their judgment they may deem advisable and report to the next Diocesan Council.

H STRINGFELLOW, *Chairman*

On motion, this Report was received and the Resolution adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund be, and are hereby authorized to lease to the Church of the Holy Comforter, Montgomery, sufficient land for the purpose of erecting a Church, by and with the consent and advice of the Bishop.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Rules of Order be so amended as to provide for the appointment of a Committee of Three on Parochial Reports.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 9½ o'clock, A. M., Saturday.

FOURTH DAY.

ANNISTON, ALA., May 22, 1886.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. After prayers the Council was called to order. The calling of the roll, on motion, was dispensed with, and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and amended, and as amended, were approved.

The following was presented and read:

The Committee on Canons beg leave to recommend to the Council a renewal of the following Memorial to the General Convention:

To the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America:

The Memorial of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Alabama, in Council assembled, respectfully invites the attention of the General Convention to the subject of the propriety of creating an Appellate Jurisdiction to review the proceedings and findings of Diocesan Courts for the trial of Clergymen.

Your memoralists beg to express their decided conviction that legislation necessary to create this Appellate Jurisdiction is demanded alike for the safety, honor and welfare of this Church, as well as the protection and guidance of its Clergy. Your memoralists deem it inexpedient to enter at large into the reasons for their decided conviction on this subject, believing that the grounds for this opinion are not deep-hidden, nor to be sought from afar; and therefore deem it sufficient to invite the attention of the General Convention to the subject, trusting that such action may be taken as will accomplish the purpose of this memorial, in such form as the General Convention, in its wisdom, may deem best.

Trinity Church, Florence, was declared to be entitled to representation, and its certificate of election of Lay Deputies pronounced in due form; and, their names being called, Mr. M. C. WILSON answered to his name and took his seat. Mr. R. H. PEARSON, of Birmingham, also took his seat.

On motion, the Resolution adopted yesterday, authorizing the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund to lease a lot to the Rector and Vestry of the Church of the Holy Comforter, Montgomery, was reconsidered and amended; and thus amended, was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund be and are hereby authorized to lease, or to sell, if they deem it expedient, to the Rector and Vestry of The Church of the Holy Comforter, Montgomery, sufficient

land for the erection of a church, by and with the consent and advice of the Bishop of the Diocese.

The following Report was presented and read:

The Committee on the State of the Church, after a careful examination of the Parochial reports, respectfully present the following result of their investigation as indicating the work and progress of the Church during the Parochial year just ended:

The Number of baptisms is	461,	showing an increase of.....	122
The number of confirmations is . .	366,	showing an increase of.....	92
Number Sunday School Teachers..	284,	showing an increase of.....	70
Number Sunday School Scholars..	2291,	showing an increase of.....	290
Am't contrib'd for Diocesan M'ns	$1,766 30,	showing increase of $	18 61
Am't contrib'd for Domes'c M'ns	297 85,	showing increase of	81 73
Am't contrib'd for Foreign M'ns	237 50,	showing increase of	149 43
Offerings for other purposes.....	88,556 15,	showing increase of	26,525 59

These figuers plainly show that the state of the Church of the Diocese is one of steady growth; and though a more rapid advance is desirable, yet when we remember that all progress toward a healthy and permanent maturity is always slow and regular, we may well feel that we have good cause to thank God and take courage, in view of the work done and of the blessings received during the past year. The offerings in the Diocese, with the exception of the amounts expended in the erection of chapels in two of the parishes, is confessedly small. It is true that the great majority of our people are both poor and in debt, but still if we could become a more peculiar people by being more zealous of good works, and so more ready to deny ourselves for Christ's sake, we could certainly greatly increase our contributions during the present year. This seems to be absolutely necessary for the proper maintenance and advancement of Christ's cause in this Diocese. To your Committee the best financial measure which they can recommend for this needed supply seems to be that while planting like Paul and watering like Apolos, we should be ever looking more faithfully, and praying more earnestly to Him who only can give the increase, that He would graft in all hearts a more ardent love of His name, increase in every breast true religion, and so make every life to abound in all the fruits of the spirit.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. BANISTER, *Chairman.*

On motion, this Report was received and concurred in.

According to the notice given yesterday, the Canons were amended by striking out the word "Convention" wherever it occurs, and substituting the word "Council."

On motion, the Blank Form for Parochial Reports, printed

in Appendix to Journal of 1885, was amended, and as amended, was adopted.

On motion, the following were elected as Lay Members of the Missionary Board.

Mr. S. NOBLE, Mr. PERCY GORDON, Mr. W. W. SCREWS, Mr. G. A. WILKINS, Mr. M. T. TAYLOR.

By unanimous consent, the following Canon was, on motion, adopted:

1. All Treasurers' Accounts shall be closed, and balanced, and all Parochial Reports presented, on the first day of the meeting of the Council.

2. All Treasurers reporting to the Council shall issue duplicate receipts for all moneys received by them, one of which shall be sent to the Secretary of the Council.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 9½ o'clock P. M. Sunday.

ANNISTON, ALA., May 23, 1886—9½ O'CLOCK P. M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to convey the thanks of the Council to the Railroad Companies who offered reduced rates to delegates.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That that the Secretary be instructed to have printed 1,000 copies of that portion of the Bishop's Address which treats of the subject of Revivals.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to inform the respective Parishes of the passage of the Canon in regard to Treasurers' Accounts and Parochial Reports.

On motion, the Council adjourned *sine die*.

RICHARD H. WILMER,
President.

R. H. COBBS, *Sec'y.*

[APPENDIX A.]

BISHOP WILMER'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

TO THE

Council of the Disocese of Alabama, May 19, 1886.

Dearly beloved Brethren of the Clergy and representative Laity of the Diocese of Alabama:

We are once more gathered together, in the good Providence of God, to take counsel in regard to things pertaining to the Church of God—and in His Holy Name, I greet you, and present this record of my acts since last we met:

In pursuance of previous adjournment, the Convention assembled at Trinity Church, Mobile, May 20, 1885. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. James H. Stringfellow, and, with the assistance of the Rector of the Church, I celebrated Holy Communion.

Evening of same day, a Missionary Meeting was held in same Church, and I participated with several of the clergy in addressing the congregation.

The remainder of the week was devoted to attendance upon the sessions of the Convention.

May 24—(Whitsunday)—At Trinity Church, Mobile, after a sermon by Rev. Wallace Carnahan, I celebrated Holy Communion.

Evening of same day, I addressed a Missionary Meeting at Christ Church, Mobile.

May 28—Attended service at Church of the Good Shepherd, when the Rev. A. Wallace Pierce (Deacon) was ordered Priest by his father, the Rt. Rev. H N. Pierce, D. D., Bishop of Arkansas.

On same day, I confirmed a sick person in private—candidate presented by the Rev. J. S. Johnston.

May 31—(Trinity Sunday)—Preached at St. James' Church, Livingston, and celebrated Holy Communion; I also confirmed thirteen persons; one of which number was a sick person, in private.

June 2—Preached at St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene, and confirmed two persons.

June 4—Preached at St. John's, Forkland, and confirmed two persons.

At afternoon service, made an address and confirmed three persons in same Church.

June 5—Preached to a congregation of colored people near Boligee.

June 7—(1st Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Stephen's, Eutaw; confirmed four persons and celebrated Holy Communion. I also confirmed two sick persons in private.

I was gratified to find that the Church Building had been greatly beautified since my last visitation.

June 14—(2nd Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. John's, Mobile, and confirmed one person.

June 21—(3rd Sunday after Trinity)—Preached the Commencement Sermon at the Agricultural and Mechanical College, Auburn, Ala. This institution richly deserves the support of the citizens of Alabama.

On the afternoon of same day, I preached at the Presbyterian Church, and confirmed four persons.

June 22—Preached at Emanuel Church, Opelika, and celebrated Holy Communion.

June 23—Attended the Commencement Exercises of Hamner Hall School, and was much gratified by the evidences of diligence on the part of the teachers, and proficiency on the part of the pupils.

June 24—(St. John the Baptist)—Preached at St. Mark's, Prattville, and celebrated Holy Communion.

June 28—(4th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. John's, Mobile.

June 29—(St Peter the Apostle)—At St. John's, Mobile, after an appropriate sermon by the Rev. Dr. Tucker, I set apart a Deaconess (Miss Mary Frizzell), and celebrated Holy Communion.

June 30—I started for a visitation through North Alabama, but was taken sick on my journey and compelled to return home.

July 5—(5th Sunday after Trinity)—Held service at Spring Hill.

July 12—(6th Sunday after Trinity)—Held service at Spring Hill.

July 19—(7th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Spring Hill.

July 21—Baptized an infant at St. Paul's, Spring Hill.

July 26—(8th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Paul's, Spring Hill, and celebrated Holy Communion.

August 2—(9th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Paul's, Spring Hill.

August 9—(10th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Arden Park, North Carolina.

August 16—(11th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Calvary Church, Henderson county, North Carolina.

August 23—(12th Sunday after Trinity)—Held service at Arden Park, North Carolina.

August 30—(13th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Christ Church, Charlottesville, Va.

September 6—(14th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached, morning and evening, at Rawley Springs, Va.

September 13—(15th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Christ Church, Charlottesville, Va.

September 20—(16th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Grace Church, Berryville, Va.

September 27—(17th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Christ Church, Riverdale, New York.

October 11—(19th Sunday after Trinity)—Participated in services at St. John's, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion.

October 18—(20th Sunday after Trinity)—Held service at Spring Hill.

October 25—(21st Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Paul's, Spring Hill.

November 1—(All Saints)—I particpated in divine service at St. John's, Montgomery. I was unable, through hoarseness, to preach, but I dedicated to Holy Service, the Chime of Bells, which had just been hung in the tower of the Church, and celebrated Holy Communion.

November 2—I visited Hamner Hall, and took a careful survey of the whole property.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund also visited the School and made an examination of the property. The conclusion reached will be given at the close of this address.

November 4—Preached at St. Luke's, Scottsboro, and confirmed seven persons.

November 6—Preached at Trinity Church, Florence; confirmed seven persons and celebrated Holy Communion.

November 7—Preached at St. John's, Tuscumbia. At the request of the Rector, I baptized an adult and infant; confirmed four persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

November 8—(23rd Sunday after Trinity)—Preached in a School-house at Trinity, Morgan county; confirmed six persons and celebrated Holy Communion

There is a new church building at this place which, I hope, will be ready for consecration at my next visitation.

Evening of the same day, I preached at St. Paul's, Decatur, and confirmed one person.

November 15—(24th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Paul's, Spring Hill, and confirmed seven persons.

November 22—(25th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Paul's, Spring Hill, and celebrated Holy Communion.

November 25—At Trinity Church, Mobile, confirmed two persons and addressed the congregation.

November 29—(1st Sunday in Advent)—Preached at Calvary Church, Pushmataha; confirmed four persons and celebrated Holy Communion.

November 30—(St. Andrew the Apostle)—Preached at same Church. Rev. W. A. Stickney was with me on this visitation, and rendered me much service.

The little flock in Choctaw, although deprived of all services, save the

occasional services rendered by Mr. Stickney, holds fast to the Communion of the Church.

December 6—(2nd Sunday in Advent)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion.

December 13—(3rd Sunday in Advent)—Attended the celebration of the Semi-Centennial of St. John's, Montgomery. The inclement weather prevented the proposed celebration on Sunday; I, however, made an address to the congregation, and celebrated Holy Communion.

December 15—At St. John's, Montgomery, I preached the sermon which, but for the bad weather, I should have preached on the Sunday before. Of the little handful of communicants with which this Church was organized fifty years ago, but one survives, and she participated in the services on Sunday.

St. John's Church is now fully equipped for all Holy Service, and I look forward to the day when, under her auspices, Missions will be established in every available part of this rapidly growing city. Situated as Montgomery is, at the geographical and political centre of the State, the influence of the Church there is far-reaching; and it is a source of profound satisfaction to me to know that the churchly services at St. John's are making known, both at home and abroad, the sanctity and beauty of a Holy Worship.

December 19—I preached at the Church of the Advent, Birmingham.

December 20—(4th Sunday in Advent)—I preached again at the same Church; confirming seventeen persons and celebrating Holy Communion.

December 25—(Feast of the Nativity)—At St. John's Church, Mobile, after a sermon by the Rector, I made an address and celebrated Holy Communion.

December 27—(Sunday after Christmas)—Held Divine Service at Spring Hill.

December 28—I solemnized a marriage at Spring Hill.

1886—January 1—At Christ Church, Mobile, I confirmed two persons.

January 3—(2nd Sunday after Christmas)—Held service at Spring Hill.

January 6—Officiated at a funeral service for Rector of Trinity Church, Mobile.

January 10—(1st Sunday after Epiphany)—Held service at Spring Hill.

January 16—Held an examination of candidate for Deacon's Orders at Christ Church vestry room—Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., and Rev. J. S. Johnston, Examiners. The examining chaplains gave certificate of satisfactory examination.

January 17—(2nd Sunday after Epiphany)—I ordained Obre A. Bourne, to the Diaconate at Trinity Church, Mobile—the Rev. J. S. Johnston, Rector of said Church, preaching the sermon, and presenting the candidate. I also celebrated Holy Communion.

January 24—(3rd Sunday after Epiphany)—Preached at Calvary Church, New Orleans.

January 31—(4th Sunday after Epiphany)—Held service at Spring Hill.

February 7—(5th Sunday after Epiphany)—Held service at Spring Hill.

February 14—(6th Sunday after Epiphany)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile.

February 21—(Septuagesima Sunday)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile. At evening service, baptized an infant, at the request of the Rector.

February 28—(Sexagesima Sunday)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Whistler.

March 7—(Quinquagesima)—Participated in Divine Service at Trinity Church, Mobile.

March 10—(Ash Wednesday)—Lectured at St. John's Church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion.

March 14—(1st Sunday in Lent)—Attended service at Church of the Good Shepherd.

March 21—(2nd Sunday in Lent)—Preached at St. Mary's Church, Evergreen, morning and evening; baptized an infant and confirmed seven persons.

March 23—Preached at St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, and confirmed eleven persons.

March 24—Preached at same Church; at request of Rector, baptized three infants, and confirmed four persons—one of them a sick person in private.

March 25—Preached at St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville, and confirmed three persons.

March 26—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro, and confirmed two persons.

March 28—(3rd Sunday in Lent)—Preached, morning and evening, at St. Paul's Church, Selma, and confirmed thirty-seven persons.

March 30—Preached at St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion, and confirmed two persons.

March 31—Preached at same Church.

April 2—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Greensboro, and confirmed seven persons.

I have to record here with sorrow, the departure from the Church on earth of Mr. A. Benners, one of our most earnest and intelligent churchmen.

At this point I became weather bound, and unable to meet my appointment at Christ Church, Tuskaloosa. Accordingly, on April 3rd, I preached again at St. Paul's Church, Greensboro.

April 4—(4th Sunday in Lent)—Preached in same Church; confirmed one person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

April 11th—(5th Sunday in Lent)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile, and confirmed eighteen persons.

At evening service of same day, I preached at Trinity Church, Mobile, and confirmed twenty persons. Number of persons confirmed in this Parish since last report, twenty-four.

April 18—(Sunday next before Easter)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile, and confirmed thirty-four persons. Number confirmed since last report, thirty-five.

Same day, confirmed three persons in private—candidates presented by Rev. Dr. Tucker, Rector of Christ Church, Mobile.

April 23—(Good Friday)—Confirmed a sick person in private, presented by the Rev. J. S. Johnston, Rector of Trinity Church, Mobile.

On same day, participated in Divine Service at Christ Church, Mobile.

April 24—(Easter Even)—Preached at St. John's Church, Montgomery, and confirmed eighteen persons.

April 25—(Easter Sunday)—Preached at St. John's Church, Montgomery. At evening service, participated in the Children's Easter Festival, and offered their gifts upon the altar.

April 26—(Monday in Easter Week)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Selma, and confirmed fourteen persons. Number confirmed during the year in this Church, fifty-one.

April 29—Preached at Church of the Advent, Birmingham, and confirmed thirty-five persons. Number comfirmed here during the year, fifty-two.

May 2—(1st Sunday after Easter)—Preached, morning and evening, at Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, and confirmed twenty-eight persons; baptized also an infant.

May 3—Celebrated Holy Communion at early morning service.

It was a great joy to me to find here a goodly band of chorister boys, clad in their vestments, and leading the praises of the congregation. I would fain see the day when all operatically rendered music shall have been remanded to its native place, and the sanctuary become the House of Prayer and Praise.

May 3—Evening of the same day, I preached at St. Timothy Church, Athens; baptized two adults, and confirmed four persons.

May 4—Preached at same church; baptized one adult and one infant; confirmed one person, and celebrated Holy Communion. I hope to be able to supply this and other vacant Parishes in the course of a few months.

May 7—(2nd Sunday after Easter)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

May 16—(3rd Sunday after Easter.)—At Christ Church, Mobile, after a sermon by the Rector, confirmed eight persons. Number of persons confirmed since last report, thirty-one.

May 18—At Grace Church, Anniston, after a sermon by the Rev. Wm. T. Allen, I confirmed twenty-one persons—making an address to the candidates.

May 19—At Anniston, consecrated Grace Church in the presence of many of the clergy and laity from all parts of the Diocese. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Stringfellow.

The Church Building is a gem of Ecclesiastical Architecture. No ex-

pense seems to have been spared in its erection and decoration. Its construction reflects great credit upon the munificence of the Woodstock Company.

The following is a summary of my official acts during the past Conventional year:

Marriages		1
Baptisms—Adults, 4; infants, 10	Total	14
Funerals		1
Deacons ordained		1
Deaconesses instituted		1
Lay Readers Licensed		13
Churches consecrated		1
Confirmations		367

SUMMARY FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS:

	1884	*1885*	*1886*		
Marriages	1	2	1	Total	4
Baptisms	4	8	14	Total	21
Funerals	3	2	0	Total	5
Lay Readers	7	9	13	Total	29
Deacons ordained	1	1	0	Total	2
Deaconesses instituted	1	1	0	Total	2
Churches consecrated	1	0	1	Total	2
Confirmations	291	291	367	Total	949

I have transferred to other Dioceses as follows, viz.: Rev. George H. Hunt to the Diocese of Missouri, and Rev. R. P. Kendall (Deacon) to Diocese of Quincy.

I have received into the Diocese—Rev. A. W. Pierce from Diocese of Arkansas, and Rev. Gardiner C. Tucker from Diocese of Missouri.

I have received official notice of the deposition from the ministry of the following named persons, viz.:

Levi Boyer, by Bishop of Ohio.

C. W. K. Morrill, by Bishop of Rhode Island.

W. M. Lovejoy, J. R. Trimble, Caleb J. Peace, (Deacon), by Bishop of New Jersey.

W. H. Johnson, by Bishop of Central Pennsylvania.

W. F. Morrison, by Bishop of California.

B. P. Runkle, by Bishop of Indiana.

Wm. R. Pickman, by Bishop of Maryland.

J. E. Higgins, by Bishop of Kansas.

Richard H. Dennis, by Bishop of West Michigan.

Geo. S. Atwood, by Bishop of Maine.

I have dropped from the list of candidates for Deacons Orders the following names—the parties having long since failed to make any report of their doings:

John H. Esmonde, W. T. King Jones, John Hall, C. A. Moreno, and Isaac McCoy Williams.

CLERICAL CHANGES WITHIN THE DIOCESE OTHER THAN THOSE HERETOFORE REPORTED.

Rev. Wm. T. Allen extends his pastoral care to Gainesville.

Rev. Obre R. Bourne, Deacon, officiates at Jacksonville, Cross Plains, and Talladega, under the direction of Rev. J. F. Smith.

Rev. W. A. Stickney takes charge of Calvary Church, Pushmataha.

Rev. Gardiner C. Tucker is Rector of St. John's Church, Mobile.

Rev. DeB. Waddell has under his charge the congregations of Auburn and Opelika.

I have received a communication in regard to a new Church Enterprise in Montgomery, of which the following is a copy:

"The congregation of the Church of the '*Holy Comforter*,' organized and admitted into union with the Convention in 1863, has been revived and placed temporarily under the charge of the Rev. Dr. Stringfellow. So soon as a suitable lot can be purchased, a building will be erected—for which, a sufficient amount of money is already in hand. Whilst for a season, it must look to St. John's for its principal support, in the way of maintaining a Rector, it will be an entirely independent organization. The rapid growth of the city promises well for its success."

CONDITION OF CHURCH PROPERTY UNDER MY CHARGE.

1. Hamner Hall School.—By a resolution of the last Convention, the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, together with the Bishop, were appointed to consider a proposition looking to the opening of a new street through the Hamner Hall lot. The Trustees aforesaid, carefully considered the whole matter, visited and inspected the property, and came unanimously to the conclusion that it was inexpedient to accede to the proposition. The Trustees are men of practical acquaintance with financial matters, and the Convention may feel well assured that the conclusion reached was wisely and carefully considered.

2. By another resolution of the last annual Convention, "the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund were directed to Lease the Hamner Hall property for a term of years, to such a Lessee as the Bishop of the Diocese and the Rector of St. John's Church, Montgomery, may select, for a Church School—the terms of the Lease to be determined by the Bishop."

Accordingly, the Rev. George M. Everhart, D. D., having signified to me his desire to renew his Lease of the property, I acceded to his proposal. The Rev. Dr. Stringfellow also (Rector of St. John's Church, Montgomery) signified to me his consent to the selection in the following words—(letter bearing date, May 24, 1885): "I hereby give my consent to the renewal, by the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, of the Lease of Hamner Hall to the Rev. G. M. Everhart, D. D."

After some correspondence with Dr. Everhart, the following agreement was made as to the terms of the Lease, and a copy thereof was sent to Col. N. H. R. Dawson, Treasurer of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund,

together with a copy of the Resolution of the Convention, which directed him to make out a Lease in conformity to "the terms determined upon by the Bishop."

COPY OF THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT.

"1. *Lessee*—Rev. Geo. M. Everhart, D. D.

2. *Date of Lease*—July 1st, 1885.

3. *Period of Lease*—Four years.

4. *Rent per annum*—$500, to be paid at the expiration of each year.

5. *Insurance of the Property*—To be paid by the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

6. *All ordinary repairs*—To be paid for by the Lessee.

7. *Right reserved*—To negotiate for the opening of a new street touching the property of Hamner Hall, as per special resolution of the Convention.

8. Any needed *extraordinary repairs*—To be provided for at the Bishop's instance out of the income from the rents."

I would observe here that the Hamner Hall property is becoming, year by year, more valuable, and in time will yield a valuable revenue to the Bishop's Fund.

GIBSON ESTATE.

I have as yet, found it impossible to bring the affairs of this estate, of which I am Executor, to a final settlement, notwithstanding the active co-operation of the Chancellor, whose counsel and aid are to me invaluable.

CHURCH AT FLORENCE.

I hold in my hands for the purpose of building a new church in Florence—Bank certificates of deposit for	$116 05
Also, Bank certificates of deposit for	48 75
	$164 80

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, GAINESVILLE.

I hold in my hands, for benefit of said church, four Tennessee Bonds—$100 each—cost	$276 00
Also, two negotiable Notes, $100 each; one due January 1, 1877; the other, January 1, 1888	200 00
	$476 00

An account of this fund may be found in a previous report. (See Journal of Convention for 1883, p. 33).

PROPOSED ASYLUM FUND FOR THE ORPHANS AND WIDOWS AT HUNTSVILLE.

In the Journal for 1884, page 29, will be found my last report concerning the above fund.

I then reported cash value of investments at $1,584 26. By interest accruing, and gradual appreciation of Bonds held, the marketable value

of assets in hand now amounts to $2,100. Besides, I hold for benefit of said fund, thirty-six shares (par value $25 each) of Madison County Turnpike Company. They have no ascertainable market value, but yield some dividend.

CHURCH HOME FUND.

Since my last report, I have purchased valuable property adjoining the Homes for Boys and Girls, with the view of gradually enlarging our work. In addition to these purchases, I have made extensive repairs. For this reason, the amount of money investments reported now is not as large as it would otherwise have been.

The present condition of Church Home Fund Assets is as follows, viz.:

9 Registered Ala. Bonds (A), $1,000 each, average cost	$5,486 14
9 Registered Ala. Bonds (A), $1,000 each, average cost	7,367 50
1 Mobile & Ohio R.R. Bond, $1,000 First Mortgage, cost	$1,172 50
Amount invested in Bonds	$14,026 14
The present market value of these Bonds is	$19,100 00
Balance in hands for current expenses	1,254 00
Amount—Estimated at market value	$20,354 00

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

I have never given any detailed account of the Funds pertaining to this work, because it has never in any true sense been a Diocesan work—the funds having been obtained abroad. I have, however, kept the friends of the undertaking well posted in regard to the disbursement of their donations.

The cost of the Church, School, Rectory, and lots, has been, in round numbers, $9,000.

I expect soon to have erected upon the new purchase of land, a row of tenements, for the use of needy and worthy old colored people.

Mr. Wm. Butler Duncan, of New York, and the Rev. Dr. Saul, of Philadelphia, have been, under God, the great sustainers of this work. Other friends, too numerous to be mentioned, have much helped me by their sympathy and donations.

FUNDS FOR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

It is well known that the Theological Department of the University is altogether dependent upon offerings from the several Dioceses which sustain and control it.

In order to meet the urgent needs of the Professors, who are doing a work which we called and appointed them to undertake, I have, as usual, made advances.

I report as follows:

Advanced to the Theological Department		$225 00
I have received from Trinity Church, Mobile	$34 80	
" " " St. Wilfrid's, Marion	25 00	
" " " St. Andrew's, Macon	15 00	
" " " St. Paul's, Greensboro	25 00	
" " " St. Stephen's, Eutaw	8 65	
" " " Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	13 50	
" " " Church of the Nativity, Huntsville	5 00	
" " " Church of the Advent, Birmingham,	18 80	
" " " St. Paul's, Selma	13 60	
" " " Holy Cross, Uniontown	10 50	
" " " Christ Church, Mobile	31 65	
" " " Trinity, Demopolis	18 70	
Individual offering	4 80	
		$225 00

DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

There seemed to be an unusual interest manifested towards this most important subject at our last Convention, and I could not but look for an increased Offering from all the Parishes. The result did not justify the expectation. So far as I am now advised, the Offerings have fallen below the average. Indeed, in order that our Missionaries might not suffer, I felt obliged to borrow money to meet the first three quarterly stipends. I had hoped that the new organization of our Mission work would greatly enhance the Missionary spirit, by bringing more minds and hearts to the work, but the result has not been such as I looked for.

I had hoped, also, that the unusual religious interest prevailing would manifest itself in greatly increased Offerings unto God, but it does not appear that the feelings inspired have been deep enough to reach the resources of our people. In good old Scripture times, alms joined themselves, and gave wings, to prayers, and they unitedly came up for a Memorial before God.

A most practical question comes up: Do we train our Catechumens aright for confirmation? Do we set forth with sufficient clearness and earnestness the fact that, at confirmation, the candidate pledges himself to the duty of giving as to every other duty enjoined, insomuch that when, in response to the interrogatory of the Bishop, he answers, "I do," he pledges himself formally to "honor the Lord with his substance and with the first fruits of all his increase?" Here, at this solemn moment, must be applied the lever which is to elevate the whole life, and start it upon a higher plane. Let us only bring out the teaching of Holy Scripture, and then we may look for a revival which shall refresh and invigorate the church.

For the want of adequate interest in our Missions, our vacant Parishes and Mission Stations continue to be waste places. They could all be supplied by systematic effort. I could, for example, move clergy to the Diocese, assist them in starting their work, if I had the means at my command. I need a sum of money to meet sudden and exceptional cases. I brought out this idea before our Board of Missions, and suggested that

$10 per annum from one hundred members would enable me to effect a large amount of good. It seemed to meet with hearty approval, but it came to nothing.

Subsequently, at a Missionary meeting at Christ Church, Mobile, I brought forward the same proposition. Nearly one-fourth of the sum asked for was contributed by members of Christ Church present—who responded, as that congregation has ever responded, to my appeal. No individual, but one, outside of that congregation, has ever responded. The good effected by the sum raised at that meeting can never be fully estimated.

What is your Bishop to do? A harder than Egyptian task is laid on him—"to make bricks without straw." He has to tread this wine press alone.

It cannot concern me personally for any length of time. Another will enter into my labors. But it does concern the future of this Diocese vitally. Never was there a brighter promise—never was there such a demand for services—never so many offering to minister in the Diocese. What is the difficulty? "All seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's." Instead of enlarging our Missionary staff, we fail to meet the engagements already existing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be! In vain are all our Church enlargements and decorations, if we propose to settle down into a miserable Parochialism, and, content with our surroundings, send forth no loving sympathy and aid to our brethren of the same "Household of Faith," who are destitute of and unable to supply themselves with like privileges.

No blessing can be looked for from Heaven upon selfish enjoyment; no answer to prayers that lack wings to mount upward; there is no strength in numbers which merely swell the company of camp followers. Holy Scripture lays as much stress upon *giving* as upon *praying*. A genuine revival of piety will ever manifest itself in increased munificence. Without this there is no true Pentecost.

In concluding this annual address, I feel called upon to say something in regard to the unusual religious movements of the past year within and without our Communion.

I have had through my entire ministerial life more faith in what, for want of a better word, are called revivals, than I have ordinarily found my brethren of the ministry prepared to accept. I have more than once been witness to their reality, and can testify to their genuine and abiding good.

True, there are counterfeits of the genuine revival, as there are of all things true and good. It is ever the deep device of the Great Adversary to bring truth into discredit by distortion and caricature. Thus, the doctrine of the Second Advent, so largely

unfolded in Holy Scripture and formulated in the creeds, and so fraught with matter of eternal moment, is neither studied nor proclaimed as it should be, because of the caricatures of the Second Adventists, Millerites, and the like. Thus, also, the vitally spiritual is discredited through a deadly Spiritualism; the reasonable Ritual through a superstitious Ritualism; the glorious Evangel through a narrow evangelicism—and so on endlessly.

One must take a narrow view of all the teachings of Revelation, illustrated as they ever have been in Christian history and experience, who would speak disparagingly of a revival of true piety in the Church of God. History abounds with its glorious records, and every awakening of life in the Church testifies its triumphs. Nature too, in her multiform workings, testifies to the reality of revivals in her own processes, for all things ever tend to decay, and, if they would continue to live, must have renewal or revival. The spring-tide with its showers and sunshine brings to Nature her annual revivals and awakenings.

The remarkable manifestations of religious feeling which have been witnessed during the past year in connection with the preaching of unusually gifted men—and I speak now more particularly of those outside of our Communion—present phenomena which are well worthy of our attention and study. Perhaps it is premature to pronounce a judgment upon the results of their efforts, but their ministrations have been attended by manifestations of power which are truly phenomenal. I know no men who exhibit apparently such power over the feelings and actions of their fellowmen. It would be a narrow spirit that could pooh-pooh such manifestations of power, even if it could be supposed to be altogether a human and purely natural power. And if it be that the efforts of these Christian men are blessed by the influence of the Holy Spirit, we must have a care lest haply we speak blasphemous things against the Holy Ghost. We have long since been taught that no man can do a miracle in the name of Christ without the accompanying power of Christ through His blessed Spirit. What is the source and nature of the power manifested in connection with the preaching of these Evangelists? A large part of it is obviously natural. They possess, to a degree that is seldom attained, the power of making their thoughts clear to the most unlettered mind. Then, again, through a peculiarly magnetic temperament, they have the power to make their hearers feel the truths proclaimed. Thous-

ands move at their bidding, and, more than this, come forward and pledge themselves to lead a new life. Thus far, they share these natural powers in common with the actor and orator. The presence of no supernatural and spiritual power is needed to account for such results. These preachers and exhorters, in common with the actor and orator, can convulse crowds with laughter or dissolve them in tears. There is, therefore, so far as these manifestations are concerned, no necessity for presupposing the presence of a distinctively spiritual power, for the purely natural will suffice for this much.

But they appear to go beyond the simply natural in the influence which they exert upon their hearers. They seem to cast out devils in the sacred name. Many are said to be rescued from evil courses, and to be walking in newness of life. If this be so—for I have had no opportunity of testing the permanency of these changes—then the purely natural is not adequate to account for it. The hand of God is outstretched, and the finger of God points to the spiritual—even to the manifestation of the Kingdom of God with power. "God alone can order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men."

I am not yet prepared to assume that presence in connection with any particular manifestation of religious feeling. I call to mind similar phenomena in my early college life. I have known a so-called revival to sweep through the ranks of hundreds of students, leaving few unimpressed, and yet, at the time of our graduation, there was scarce a trace of interest which at one time had been all-pervading. Indeed, the revival was soon followed by an excess of frivolity and dissipation. So true it is that over-stimulation will have its succeeding state of depression. It is from these considerations, the result of some observation, that I cannot look upon the present movements with unalloyed satisfaction and hope. Would to God that I could!

There are some who look with distrust upon all such exceptional efforts, and hope for no good. I cannot sympathize with this view. There are, without doubt, extraordinary phenomena in the spiritual, as in the natural, world. We cannot put limits to the exercise of divine sovereignty, nor can we make the streams of salvation to flow alone in prescribed and ordinarily appointed channels. The River of God is full of water, and at times overflows its banks. But these extraordinary manifestations take

their place as phenomenal, and do not affect the ordinary and established course of things. Thus, at times, meteors flame across the firmament, and meteoric lights flash out, as "stars shot madly from their sphere," but the constellations shine on, the sun and moon shed their wonted light, and the established order and harmony reign in the world above.

So likewise in the spiritual world; the Sun of Righteousness glows ever as the centre of light and warmth to the Church on Earth; and the Glorious Company of the Apostles, the goodly fellowship of the Prophets and the Noble Army of Martyrs lend their kindly light from age to age; and the Church, as of old established, is the Light of the World and maintains and perpetuates her Divine original. Beneath the quiet Heavens the constructive forces of Nature and Grace do their quiet work—as the forces of gravitation and vegetation. Not in the wind, nor in the whirlwind, come the ordinary summons and aid to the duty of life.

The Kingdom of God—in its law of life and mode of operation—is as if a man sowed good seed in his field, and it springs up and grows to maturity after an established order—"first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear" Such is the normal law of growth and development—the abiding life in the seed planted and growing to maturity under the quickening influence of the Holy Spirit.

I turn to the teachings of our Blessed Lord, who only has the Words of Eternal life. I sit at His sacred feet; I listen to the Beatitudes as they fall from His lips. They come not with convulsive laughter nor storms of passion, but distill gently as the dew.

Yet, we must bear in mind the fact that a "*rushing mighty wind*" ushered in at Pentecost the "Dispensation of the Spirit" and visible miraculous tokens attended the administration of the first Ordinances, as in Baptism and Confirmation. Thus was inaugurated the New Dispensation. The visible supernatural manifestation accompanied and vouched their divine original. All the great gifts of grace have come forth with the throes of a new birth. It seems to be a necessity of man that his senses must be impressed before his spirit can be reached. But these extraordinary manifestations were soon withdrawn, and the Church continued to grow according to its established law and order.

Nature, too, has her convulsions, and the earth quakes and

rocks are rent; but all these are out of the established and ordinary course of things.

And there are correspondences to these phenomenal workings in the World of Grace. They seem to be necessary at times, in order to affect men's minds with a suitable apprehension of the Divine Sovereignty, and of God's personal intervention in the affairs of His creatures. For, so constant and uniform is the operation of the Divine law that we are liable to lose sight of the Creator and Lawgiver in the very perfection of His manifold workings. Thus, for example, when certain results uniformly follow from certain operating causes—when, for instance, the religious life is only seen in connection with careful nurture and training, there will be a tendency to regard the spiritual life as originating in and caused by this culture, and, consequently, a tendency to ignore the office of the Holy Ghost, by whose quickening power alone the seeds of religious knowledge can yield the fruits of righteousness. A protracted drought is often needful to teach men that God causeth the clouds to give forth rain upon the earth. And so likewise a prevailing spiritual apathy may serve to awaken the Church to call down new Life from above.

But, apart from all this, the law still remains unimpaired and unimpeached—that the full and symmetrical Christian character is only to be found among the children trained up from youth in habits of piety.

But alas! comparatively few children are thus trained. The vast majority grow up as ill weeds. They lead a prodigal life, have left their Father's house, and are wandering in the wilderness. What can we do for such as these? We cannot remand them back to their childhood, and train them to habits of piety. It is difficult even to get at them. The normal law of Christian development cannot therefore now apply to them. And yet these are the masses of society—and still the Father calls them "Home."

I must confess to you, my brethren, that when I look over this vast country, and see how few, comparatively, have been taught the ways of God in childhood, I see not how the large majority of our people can be reached, save through some such instrumentalities as special missions, conducted by men who have a special gift to reach and influence them. We have in our own day seen a whole generation of untrained young men subordinated to discipline in military camps amid the shock of a destructive war.

Therefore, it is in view of such considerations that I cannot oppose what are known as revival measures, however I may feel compelled to discountenance their perversions and irregularities. So far as I can do so, without the sacrifice of principle, I must heartily ask the Divine Blessing upon them, however much I may deprecate the use of some of the machinery connected with their actual workings.

Some of their conspicuous leaders have a wonderful force, like that of dynamite. Themselves, hewn from the rock, or digged from the pit, they seem to have a wonderful power over men like themselves. They cannot be expected to preach the whole Gospel;—Which of us does preach the Gospel in all its fulness?—They know nothing of the Church; nor are they at all fitted to teach the ethics and decorum of social and domestic life. Their mission is not to reconstruct society, and yet, in their teachings they go beyond Christ and his Apostles and General Councils in specific proscription and denunciation. Their recklessness, exaggeration, and impertinence, in some particulars, is unspeakable. No! the construction and purification of the Church by wholesome legislation and Pastoral admonition, must be committed to the hands of wiser and saintlier and larger minded men.

But, passing by these and other weighty considerations, such as their frequent want of reverence for holy things, their almost utter ignorance of the Holy Sacraments in their teachings—all of which detracts from their usefulness—I further observe that the stimulus of the revival system, when relied on as a system, and resorted to as the antidote to a decaying piety, but poorly supplements the sources of nutrition which flow from early religious nurture, habitual and reverential worship, commandments steadily enforced, and Sacraments and Ordinances frequented.

The use of stimulants, whether for body or soul, has to be guarded with a watchful eye. You may stimulate unduly the roots of a young plant, and it will take on a rapid growth, but to its ultimate injury and perhaps deformity. It is nutrition rather than stimulus that is needed in order to health, strength and a hearty old age.

This is the great evil of the revival system where it is relied on, as it is with many persons, to excite to action a jaded religious sensibility. It stimulates when the enfeebled soul calls for nourishment. Instead of entering into the closet and shutting to the

door and communing with "the Father;" instead of sitting at the feet of the blessed Lord and learning of His lowliness and meekness how to find strength and rest for their weary and heavy laden souls; instead of engaging actively in work of beneficence for the poor and destitute, and receiving the refreshment which comes to those who refresh the souls of others; instead of seeking nourishment and growth by walking, as one of old did, "in all the Ordinances and Commandments of the Lord blameless," recourse is too often had to the public gathering where, without effort or sacrifice, the soul is excited by startling appeals, sentimental singing and impassioned oratory. There is thus a habit of intemperance engendered, and there are those who rush to such excitement as the drunkard hastens to his dram. Intemperance is a widespread and multiform evil; by no means confined to those who unduly excite their minds with stimulating drink.

It is our duty carefully to consider the Age in which we live and its inevitable tendencies. The Christian Faith, whilst making its impression upon every age, is, beyond doubt, impressed by the prevailing spirit of the times. We live in what is commonly called a fast age—an age in which great results are looked for in a short time and with but little labor. The marvellous inventive powers of the last fifty years, in facilitating labor by machinery, has contributed to the same result. When we can cross Continents in a few hours; bring the ends of the Earth together in a few seconds; in an instant of time procure pictures of Earth and Planets, it is quite natural, and indeed almost inevitable, that we should look quite unconsciously for the same speedy results in matters pertaining to spiritual things.

Now-a-days, fortune is to be amassed in a few speculations; knowledge is to be acquired in a few easy lessons; fame to be built up in a day. Is it surprising that men should expect to be made religious by—a Revival?

What is the result? Fortune is ephemeral, knowledge is superficial and fame impossible. Is it surprising that religion should be—alas! too often—a mere *paroxysm?*

This Church has a great Mission; not only, in a state of fluctuation, to maintain the Truth, but, in an age of unrest, to hold the minimum of Truth to be learned by all her members, the Creed, the Prayer of our Lord and the Ten Commandments—the Credenda, the Petenda and the Agenda—the Faith, the

Worship and the Rule of the Christian life. She does thus hold, I verily believe, and constantly maintains the position in the line of the Church militant, on which will be fought and won the last battle between the Christian Faith and all error. And it is much to be deplored that, at the very moment of time when so many minds are unsettled and looking about for surer footing, and some of the best and wisest of them, and not of this Communion, are recognizing the strength of our position and struggling to get into line with us, so many of our own people seem disposed to fall out of line and spend their strength in a desultory warfare. This does not seem wise nor timely.

But there are some things that we need to learn, if we would get, and retain hold of, the minds of this generation. In vain do we retain the Truth, if we lose hold of the people for whose salvation the Truth is revealed. I have studied with all the pains and candor of which I am capable the character and genius of those Evangelists who appear to be mighty men of their order. It is not every man that has power to attract and persuade multitudes to try and lead a better life. There are few phenomena which so deeply interest and attract my attention as the accounts which reach me from many sources of the multitudes who, under the inspiration of gifted men, are moved to come forward and pledge themselves to a newness of life. What class of phenomena should so interest the minds of those of us whose great business in life is to persuade men to follow Christ? I cannot well understand how any thoughtful man can witness these phenomena without trying to explain them and profit by them. A cold indifference here is not philosophical, to say the least. I have studied the characters and doings of these men with unusual interest and, I trust, fairness.

One feature in their mode of addressing the people is very notable—their exceeding plainness of speech and fertility of illustration. They, evidently, make themselves understood by the most unlettered minds. This was the characteristic of our Lord's teachings. "The common people heard Him gladly," and "without a parable" (illustration) "spake He not unto them."

We of the clergy neglect this too much. We are confining ourselves to generalities whilst the whole domain of Nature and common life teem with analogies and illustrations of the truths which we are trying to make known and enforce.

Another feature is most notable—I speak of a few of the most gifted —they "preach Christ"—not Christianity, but Christ—not the system but the Man, the Saviour! They do not talk much about science or philosophy, but they do tell their hearers, and sometimes with great power and tenderness, of the love and sympathy of Christ, the Redeemer—that old, old story that is ever fresh and new to the weary and heavy laden. To him that is for the first time weary and consciously laden with his sins, the story of Christ comes ever as a new revelation. The Fountain has been long open for sin, but to such an one it is as if now first flowing.

Granted that there is lacking much of theological exactness, and proper proportion of the Faith, almost utter ignorance, and ignorance of the Holy Sacraments, much exaggeration and distortion with unseemly levity and irreverence—all of which is much to be lamented—still there is a residuum of glorious truth for poor sinful man. We would not like to be mixed up with such exhibitions, nor would we love to have our children subjected to such excitements, (our ways being more excellent for them,) still Christ is preached. The Son of Man is lifted up. Old and hardened sinners may be reached, and, therefore, I feel called upon to stand by the side of the Holy Apostle and use his own words: "The one indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife;"—the very spirit of schism—"and some also of good will,"—I am glad to believe. "What then? Notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice." And we must bear in mind that it is not in consequence and because of much that is in bad taste and worse theology that good may proceed from such labors, but despite these drawbacks and infelicities, and because Christ is preached. Therefore it is that, whilst we cannot fall into line with them, we yet do not dare to forbid them. Such, it seems to me, must be our attitude towards all such modes of working. If they are casting out devils in the sacred name of Christ, we are told by our Lord Himself "not to forbid them." But He does not tell us to follow them. Our place, and the place for our little ones, is as near as possible to Himself, in His own established Kingdom, ruled by His own appointed Ministry; believing "the Faith once delivered," worshipping "after the manner" which He himself taught, and yielding to the Discipline which He has prescribed. Oh! that there were such a mind

in all His baptized people! Then would the vexed problem of a united Christendom approach solution.

Another notable feature in the modern revival is the effort to attain something like unity of Christian effort. Some of their leaders openly proclaim that they can effect nothing unless Christians will agree to suppress, or hold in temporary abeyance, their denominational differences. In some instances, the various bodies of Christians have met and formally agreed to observe a truce, although it must be admitted that they speedily resumed hostilities. Now all this was very imperfect and, in the issue, almost ludicrous, but it was a sort of effort after unity. And so dear to the heart of Christ is the oneness of His people, that I love to think He recognizes even the most imperfect effort to attain unto its blessedness. And it is most noteworthy that the largest apparent results have been manifested where there has been the most complete obliteration of sectarian lines. What a lesson is taught here! If for a transient good and a local triumph they can ground their sectarian arms, and enlist together for their common Lord, why not turn the truce into a lasting peace, and war against each other no more forever? And if the Lord does indeed bless such an imperfect effort after unity, how large and overflowing must be the bestowal of His Blessing when all His dear people shall seek to be one in Him, and with each other, as "He and the Father are One."

We live, dear brethren, in a wonderful Era of time. This Earth has lived centuries during the lives of some of us now living. The ends of the earth have been drawn near together. Thoughts which fell upon the ears of hundreds yesterday meet the eyes of thousands to-day. Time and space seem comparatively annihilated. We cannot but gaze with awe and wonder upon the rapid movements of the age! What and when shall the end be? What and how shall be the word spoken that shall hasten the final consummation? I know not. One thing alone is very clear—"Let us who are of the day be sober and watch unto prayer!"

In conclusion, I will say something in regard to "The Missions" which have been held at several localities and within our own communion. For the present, they seem destined to take regular position as a part of the working machinery of the Church. So long as they consist of extended services in connection with the prescribed order of Church Worship, they present no novel feature

nor call for comment. They have proved eminently useful, especially in rural districts, where there is a lack of religious privileges. Our Lenten Season affords to all our people large opportunities for instruction and special devotion. A well observed Lent never fails to revive a congregation.

But a new order of "Missioners" has appeared among us, who depart in large measure from the established order of Divine Service, and rely, in some instances, chiefly, upon their own appointed modes and measures. If this is to continue as a permanent department of Church work, I hesitate not to say that it should be put under well selected authority. Unless some limitation is prescribed, there will be poured forth upon the church a flood of individualism and lawlessness which has no visible bounds. We shall then feel the evil effects of the prevailing system of worship from which we have hitherto been so happily exempted. It is not enough that the sermons shall be addressed to the people, but the prayers will run into exhortations and expostulations, and the hymns, instead of ascending Heavenward in adoration, will drivel into sentimental persuasives to the excited sensibilities of the people. Everything manward, nothing Godward. Common Prayer and Common Praise to the Divine Majesty—all *worship* lost! This is the tendency of all extemporaneous worship, especially in a time of excited religious feeling! I cannot for a moment approve of such procedures; I cannot sanction them, much less can I direct them. I utterly repudiate the idea of their supposed utility or necessity. The putting aside the Liturgy on special occasions with the view of exciting special emotion, is a libel upon our worship. I know no man that can offer to God in humble confession, in reverent adoration, and in exalting ascription, such worship as the Liturgy of the Church affords both minister and people. It implies, what is altogether inadmissible, that the Liturgy is an obstacle in the way of religious feeling. It gives occasion to the enemies of the Church—and she has enemies—to speak evil and contempt of Her holy ways. Would to God we could key our unstrung hearts up to her exalted tones. Whatever this age may else be, it is not a liturgic age, as may be seen in some of our newly proposed Collects.

I took some pains to acquaint myself in person with the modes of procedure at one of these Missions. The regular services of the church were rendered with usual solemnity. The preaching

was far above the average, and adequate under God's blessing to all the good that was effected. But when the Prayer Book and authorized Hymnal were dropped at what was styled "The after meeting," there was a woful coming down from the dignity and beauty of Holy Worship. There seemed to be an effort after dramatic effect; I had a sense of being performed. It struck me that the good accomplished—and there was good accomplished—was, despite these irregular proceedings, and because of the truth fervently proclaimed. It cannot be that the Divine Spirit, without whose quickening influences no abiding good can be wrought in the souls of men, can alone be propitiated in these dramatic proceedings. This part of the service detracted from the solemnity and dignity of the Mission. I left with a painful conviction that worship had degenerated, and I had no heart to return.

And there was no authority for all these proceedings. It is altogether out of our line of action, and we cannot compete with those who have brought these startling measures to their state of unhappy perfection One of the glories of this Church is that it is a Church of law and order and dignity. There is in this self-asserting age a tendency to intense individualism—which is a mere euphemism for self-will and lawlessness. This spirit is rampant enough among our people under all the restraints of bit and bridle which we can impose; we cannot safely throw the reins loose upon their necks.

No! brethren, we have a mission—a divine mission—an enduring mission. This Church occupies, under God, her present position in Christendom by her wisdom, her learning, her subordination, her reverence and her unchangeableness. In Her holy worship there is not a sentence that is not in good taste, not a word that is not conducive to reverence, humility and charity, nor a prayer that is not after the "*manner*" in which our Lord taught His disciples to pray. The most enlightened nations rejoice in the light which She reflects from Her Lord; and the most barbarous people are being brought through her teachings from darkness into light. Few of our own people know of the extended missions of the Mother Church.

We cannot afford to forfeit the high privilege of working on ever in Her line of action. The Christian world cannot do without Her conservative health and strength, for She maintains in this Earth, what no Christian communion can claim to maintain so

purely and so fully, a Primitive Faith and Worship under Apostolic Order. And this I say without boasting, for it imposes a weight of responsibility which forever excludes all boasting, and prompts to the largest humility and charity. For a while we shall have to suffer misconstruction and abuse, but when the reaction shall come from the present tension of feeling, verily we shall have our reward. We can calmly await the appointed issue and time. For if any enduring revival comes to the Church it must come in gracious bestowals from the Quickening Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life. All else is a sham—of the Earth, earthy. Crowded assemblies, passionate appeals, skilfully rendered music and sentimental prayers and hymns, addressed to men and not to God, may produce a semblance of life—a ghastly semblance at best—but devout supplication, reverent adoration and fevent ascription, coupled with faithful preaching and reverent participation in the Holy Sacraments of Christ, will enlighten the minds of our people more and more with the light of the Everlasting Gospel, nourish them with all goodness, and call down the quickening powers of the Holy Ghost.

Here in the name of God, with entire dependence upon His Grace, and with an unfailing charity for all our fellow Christians, let us stand where the Church takes Her stand. If all Her holy agencies and instrumentalities, appointed as they are of God, do fail, there is nothing left worth our dependence; if these abide, there can nothing be wanting that is good.

Unto God's gracious guidance and protection I commend you all, my dear brethren of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Alabama. Faithfully yours,

RICHARD H. WILMER,

Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama.

Anniston, Ala., May 19, 1886.

[APPENDIX B.]

Report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund submit the following report:

As shown by the report of the Treasurer of this fund, the annual interest on the Bonds has been collected, and also the rent for the Hamner Hall property, and the same paid over to the Treasurer of the Diocese, except the amount of $27.21, which was expended by the Trustees in fencing the property. They thought it was absolutely necessary to enclose the outlying portion, as there might arise questions as to the boundary line, and if so, we desired to be in possession.

After a thorough inspection of the premises, the Trustees were unanimous in the opinion that no part of the ground should be granted to parties desiring to open a street on the southern margin, and have withheld their consent to the same.

In acordance with directions from the Convention (see minutes of session 1885, page 23,) the Trustees have leased the Hamner Hall property to the Rev. Geo. M. Everhart, D. D., being the lessee selected by the Bishop of the Diocese and the Rector of St. John's parish, for the period of four years, commencing 30th June, 1885, and ending 30th June, 1889, for the annual rent of $560, to be paid at the expiration of each year. The lease has been executed and the notes taken in accordance with the terms designated by the Bishop of the Diocese, as will more fully appear by reference to letter of the Bishop hereto attached and made a part of this report.

All of which is respectfully submitted

N. H. R. DAWSON,
J. H. FITTS,
JOSIAH MORRIS,
Trustees of Bishop's Fund.

Anniston, May 21, 1886.

MOBILE, ALA., July 21, 1885.

To the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, &c.—Col N. H. R. Dawson, Treasurer:

DEAR COL. DAWSON—I submit to the action of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund as follows, viz: 1st—Copy of a resolution passed at the late Annual Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, and furnished me by the Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D., Secretary of said Convention:

"*Resolved*, That the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund be directed to lease the Hamner Hall property for a term of years, to such a Lessee as the Bishop of the Diocese, and the Rector of St. John's Church, Montgomery, may select, for a Church School—the terms of the Lease to be determined by the Bishop.

[Signed] "R. H. COBBS, *Secretary*."

2d.—*The Bishop's Certificate of Selection:*

"I do hereby select the Rev. George M. Everhart, D. D., as Lessee under the above resolution.

"RICH'D H. WILMER,
"*Bishop of Alabama*."

3d.—*Copy of Agreement in Selection on the Part of the Rector of St. John's Church, Montgomery, viz:*

May 24, 1885.

"I hereby give my consent to the renewal, by the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, of the Lease of Hamner Hall to the Rev. George M. Everhart, D. D.

[Signed] "H. STRINGFELLOW,
"*Rector of Saint John's Church, Montgomery*."

In pursuance of the above I proceeded to confer with the Rev. Dr. Everhart, and the result is as follows, viz:

An Agreement Between the Contracting Parties as Follows, viz:

1. *Lessee*—Rev. George M. Everhart, D. D.
2. *Date of Lease*—July 1, 1885.
3. *Period of Lease*—Four years.
4. *Rent per Annum*—$560, to be paid at the expiration of each year.
5. *Insurance* to be paid by the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.
6. *All Ordinary* repairs to be paid for by Lessee.
7. *Any Needed Extraordinary* repairs to be provided for at the Bishop's instance out of the income of the property.
8. *Right Reserved* on the part of the Trustees to negotiate for the opening of a new street touching the property of Hamner Hall, as per special Resolution of the Convention. All of which is respectfully submitted for the action of the Trustees, as directed by the Convention of the Diocese.

RICH'D H. WILMER,
Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama.

To Messrs. N. H. R. Dawson, Treasurer, Josiah Morris, James H. Fitts, Trustees, &c.

[APPENDIX C.]

Diocesan Treasurer's Account.

WILLIAM BARNEWALL, *Treasurer,*

In Account with the DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

DR.

1885.				
May—By balance Account rendered, 1884, 1885				$ 160 53
1886.				
May—By Christ Church, Mobile	'85–'86	$625 00		
" Calvary Church, Pushmataha	"	5 00		
" Church of the Advent, Birmingham,	"	150 00		
" St. Peters, Bon Secour	"	2 00		
" Church of Holy Cross, Uniontown.	"	50 00		
" Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	"	320 00		
" Christ Church, Cross Plains	"	10 00		
" Grace Church, Clayton	'84–'85	20 00		
" St. Andrews, Macon Station	"	27 50		
" St. Alban's, Brown's Station	'85–'86	5 00		
" St. James, Livingston	"	40 00		
" St. John's, Forkland	"	20 00		
" St. John's, Mobile	"	125 00		
" St. John's, Montgomery	"	650 00		
" St. John's, Tuscumbia	"	15 00		
" St. Paul's, Carlowville	"	25 00		
" St. Paul's, Decatur	"	25 00		
" St. Paul's, Greensboro	"	150 00		
" St. Paul's, Whistler	"	5 00		
" St. Stephen's, Eutaw	"	50 00		
" St. Peter's, Talladega	"	20 00		
" Trinity, Mobile	"	300 00		
" St. Michael's, Marengo, on account,	'84–'85	40 00		
" St. Paul's, Selma	'85–'86	350 00		
" St. Luke's, Jacksonville	"	20 00		
" Montevallo Mission	"	10 00		
" Brierfield Mission	"	10 00		
" St. Paul's, Lowndesboro, on acct.	"	16 00		
" Grace Church, Anniston	"	100 00		
" Christ Church, Tuscaloosa	"	150 00		
" Grace Church, Clayton	"	20 00		
" Grace Church, Dallas County	"	10 00		
" St. Andrew's, Hayneville	"	10 00		
" St. James, Eufaula, on account	"	50 00		
" St. John's, Forkland, on account	"	8 50		
" St. Mark's, Prattville	"	13 00		
" St. Mary's, Evergreen	"	10 00		
" St. Wilfrid's, Marion	"	45 00		
" St. Thomas, Greenville	"	40 00		
" St. Luke's, Scottsboro	"	15 00		$3,557 00
Amount carried forward				$3,717 53

1886—By amount brought forward			$3,717 53
" Trinity, Demopolis	'85–'86	$100 00	
" Trinity, Florence	"	15 00	
" N. H. R. Dawson, ac't Bishop's F'd	"	624 57—$	739 57
			$4,457 10

1885. *CR.*

May 22—To R. H. Cobbs, D. D., Sec. Convention,		$ 100 00	
" Sexton Trinity Church, Mobile		10 00	
" Wm. Barnewall, Treasurer Diocese,		50 00	
Ap'l 19—To D. F. McCall, Printing 500 copies Journal	$139 60		
Exchange	35—$	139 95	
29—To New York Life Ins. Co., half premium Life Policy Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, $245 00—half		122 50	
" Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, Balance due 1884–'85	$ 146 00		
On Account 1885–'86	3,728 65—$	3,874 65—	$4,297 10
Balance to credit cash in hand			$ 160 00

E. E. WM. BARNEWALL,
Anniston, 20th May, 1886. *Treas'r Diocese of Ala.*

ASSESSMENTS REMITTED.

St. James, Eufaula	$280 00
St. Paul's, Spring Hill	10 00
Emanuel, Opelika	20 00
St. David's, Dallas	10 00
St. Mary's, Camden	5 00
St. Mark's, Fork of Greene	30 00
St. Matthews, Autaugaville	10 00
St. Mark's, Troy	40 00
St. Paul's, Lowndesboro	19 00
	$424 00

WM. BARNEWALL, *Treasurer.*

PARISHES IN ARREARS 1885–'86.

St. Timothy Church, Athens	'85–'86		$ 18 00
Emanuel Church, Opelika	'84–'85	$ 10 00	
" " "	'85–'86	10 00—	20 00
St. Mark's Church, Troy	'84–'85	20 00	
" " "	'85–'86	20 00—	40 00
Gadsden Mission	'84–'85	10 00	
" "	'85–'86	10 00—	20 00
St. Andrew's, Macon Station	'85–'86		45 00
St. David's Church, Dallas County	'84–'85	5 00	
" " " "	'85–'86	5 00—	10 00
St. James, Eufaula	'83–'84	110 00	
" "	'84–'85	110 00	
Balance due	'85–'86	60 00—	280 00
St. John's, Forkland	'85–'86, balance		11 50
St. Mark's, Fork of Greene	'84–'85	15 00	
" " "	'85–'86	15 00—	30 00
St. Matthew's, Autaugaville	'84–'85	5 00	
" "	'85–'86	5 00—	10 00

St. Michael's, Marengo County, (balance)..	'84–'85....	15 00	
" " "	...'85–'86....	55 00—	70 00
St. Mary's, Camden	'85–'86		5 00
St. Paul's, Spring Hill	'84–'85....	5 00	
" " "	'85–'86....	5 00—	10 00
St. Paul's, Lowndesboro	'85–'86, bal. due....		19 00
Trinity Parish, Union Springs	'85–'86		13 00
			$601 50

I would recommend the following arrears to be remitted:

St. James, Eufaula	$280 00
St. Paul's, Spring Hill	10 00
Emanuel Parish, Opelika	20 00
St. David's, Dallas	10 00
St. Mary's, Camden	5 00
St. Mark's, Fork of Greene	30 00
St. Matthews', Autaugaville	10 00
St. Mark's, Troy	40 00
St. Paul's, Lowndesboro	19 00
	$424 00

E. E.
Anniston, 20th May, 1886.

WM. BARNEWALL,
Treas'r Diocese of Ala.

[APPENDIX D]

N. H. R. Dawson, Treas'r, in Account with Bishop's Fund.

1885. *DR.*

July 1—To amount of semi-annual interest on Alabama State Bonds—$16,400 3 per cents	$ 246 00
July 20—To amount of dividend on Selma Bonds	38 42
July 25—To balance of Rent of Hamner Hall	121 36
1886.	
January 2—To amount of semi-annual interest on Alabama State Bonds—$16,400 3 per cents	246 00
	$ 651 78

1886 *CR.*

January 5—By cash paid George M. Everhart for building new fence by order of Trustees	$ 27 21
May 6—By cash paid Wm. Barnewall, Treasurer of Diocese	624 57
	$ 651 78

The securities are unchanged since last annual report, and are deposited in the Commercial Bank of Selma for safe keeping. The Hamner Hall property has been insured again for five years from 15th May, 1886, to 15th May, 1891, at $262 00. The insurance has been taken in the Central City Insurance Company of Selma, $4,000, and $1,000 in Capital City Insurance Company, of Montgomery, Ala.

N. H. R. DAWSON,
Treasurer.

Selma, Ala., May 19, 1886.

[APPENDIX E.]

Account of Treasurer Diocesan Mission Fund.

R. MIDDLETON, *Treasurer,*

In Account Current with DIOCESAN MISSION FUND

1885. DR.

May—To Balance on hand			$ 187 52
" Calvary Parish, Pushmataha	$ 72 00		
" Church of Advent, Birmingham	169 80		
" St. Paul's Selma	100 00		
" St. Paul's, Greensboro	120 00		
" St. John's, Tuscumbia	1 60		
" Trinity, Florence	3 40		
" Trinity, Demopolis	75 00		
" St. Luke's, Martin's Station	40 00		
" St. John's, Montgomery	321 46		
" Grace Church, Anniston	100 00		
" St. Andrew's, Macon Station	10 00		
" Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	12 00		
" St. Thomas, Greenville	40 00		
" St. Paul's, Carlowville	25 55		
" Grace Church, Dallas	7 90		
" St. Stephens', Eutaw	5 35		
" St. James', Livingston	8 00		
" Church of The Nativity, Huntsville	79 00		
" St. Wilfrid's, Marion	5 00		
" Christ Church, Tuscaloosa	200 00		
" Borrowed from Church Home Fund	100 00		$1,496 06
			$1,683 58
Balance on hand	$ 62 14		

CR.

1885	*Vouchers No.*	
May—By Beard's Draft to Rev. F. B. Lee	1	$ 30 00
" " " Rev. B. F. Mower	2	32 50
" " " Rev. J. S. Johnston	3	20 90
" " " Rev. J. A. Upton	4	25 00
" Stringfellow's Draft to Rev. R. H. Cobbs	5	6 00
1885-86 QUARTERLY REMITTANCES.		
By amount paid Rev. R. A. Kendall	6	75 00
" " " Rev. S. McQueen	7	375 00
" " " Rev. W. T. Allen	8	150 00
" " " Rev. J. F Smith	9	150 00
" " " Rev. DeB. Waddell	10	300 00
" " " Rev. G. R. Upton	11	100 00
" " " Rev. F. B. Lee	12	200 00
" " " Rev. B. F. Mower	13	130 00
" " " Discount Montgomery drafts		80
" " " Postage		1 24
" " " Rev. O. Bourne	14	25 00
" Balance in Bank		62 14
		$1,683 58

R. MIDDLETON, *Treasurer.*

[APPENDIX F.]

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

"AN ACT to amend AN ACT ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA, AND ENABLE SAID CHURCH TO PROVIDE FOR THE ORPHANS AND WIDOWS OF SOLDIERS, AND OTHER DESTITUTE PERSONS,' Approved December 12, 1864."

TITLE AMENDED.—*Be it Enacted by the General Assembly of Alabama*, That said Act shall hereafter be entitled "An Act to Incorporate the PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH in the State of Alabama, and the several Parishes thereof, and to regulate the tenure of Church property and enable said Church to establish religious, charitable or educational institutions within said Diocese," and that the provisions of said Act be so amended that said Act shall hereafter read as follows:

SECTION 1. That the Right Reverend Richard H. Wilmer, as Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, and his successors in office be, and they are hereby, created a corporation by the name of "The Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama," and by that name may sue and be sued, defend and be defended, and exercise all the powers incident to such religious corporations, not inconsistent with the laws and Constitution of this State.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That if there shall be a vacancy, by death or otherwise, in said office, such vacancy shall not cause the dissolution or lapse of said corporation, but the Standing Committee of said Church shall be regarded as succeeding to said Bishop for the purposes of this Act, until his successor shall be elected and enter upon his office.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That said corporation may acquire money and real or personal estate by gift, grant, devise, bequest or purchase, for the use and benefit of said Church at large, or of any Parish or Mission Station of said Church, or for the use and benefit of any Orphan Asylum, home for destitute persons, or for any other religious, charitable or educational institution heretofore or hereafter established; and all such property shall be exempt from taxation, and shall be held and disposed of according to the use and purpose for which the same may have been given by the donors thereof, where the same has been expressed by such donors; otherwise the same shall be held and disposed of for the use and benefit of said Church and its religious, charitable and educational institutions at its discretion; and, for a change of investment or other good cause, any portion of said property may be sold and conveyed by the Bishop of the Diocese, acting by and with the consent of the Diocesan Convention,

by resolution of said Convention, adopted by a three-fourths vote thereof, or a mortgage may be given by the Bishop, with like consent. *Provided*, That property conveyed to said corporation for the use of any congregation or Parish, or for any religious, charitable or educational institution of such Parish, shall not be sold or mortgaged until the consent of the Rector and Vestry of said Parish shall have been first given in writing, as well as the Bishop and Standing Committee aforesaid. And provided also, that the property dedicated to the use of one Parish or institution shall not be held for debts incurred by or on behalf of any other Parish or institution.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That said corporation is empowered to establish in the city of Mobile, and at such other place or places in the State of Alabama as it may deem proper, an asylum or asylums for orphans or widows or other destitute persons, under such rules and regulations as said corporation may prescribe; and also may establish in this State hospitals for the care of the sick, whether destitute or paying patients; and may establish schools, colleges or any other religious, charitable or educational institutions, under such regulations as said corporation may prescribe, and may alter and modify such regulations at its discretion: *Provided*, that no change of locality or diversion from one purpose to any other shall be made without the consent of the Diocesan Convention.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the Bishop of said Diocese, or if there be no Bishop, or he be absent or disabled from acting, the Standing Committee of said Church as the head of the corporation, may make all such rules and regulations for the government of such asylums and other institutions of said Church, and appoint such officers and agents thereof as they may deem proper, and may remove such agents at pleasure; and said Bishop or Standing Committee shall provide for the management of the property specially belonging to, or set apart for, the use of any such asylum or other religious, charitable or educational institution of said Church; and said corporation may receive and hold any money, real estate or other property for the use and benefit of any such asylum, or of any other religious, charitable or educational institution established or carried on by or under the authority of said corporation; and in like manner may receive and hold property for the use and benefit of any Parish, congregation or mission station of said Church.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That all property, real or personal, heretofore given or conveyed to any person for the benefit of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, or held in trust for the same, shall vest in said corporation as though given or conveyed thereto by its corporate name; and no devise, bequest, gift, grant or conveyance heretofore made for the benefit of said Church, or of any asylum or other religious, charitable or educational institution, such as is contemplated by this Act, or which hereafter shall be made for the benefit of said Church, or of any asylum or other religious, charitable or educational institution herein contemplated, shall fail for want of a sufficient description, or of a competent person to take, or for any other reason whatever; but the same

shall vest in said corporation by the name given by this Act, and the said corporation shall report to the Diocesan Convention each year the property which from time to time may be held under this Act, and what disposition, if any, may have been made thereof; and the said Diocesan Convention shall have, and in its discretion exercise, a general supervision and control in regard to property and institutions of said corporation, and may organize a Board or Boards of Trustees, either local or general, to assist in such management and control.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That all Parishes of said Diocese which may apply for the same, shall be admitted to the privileges and benefits of said corporation upon such rules as the Diocesan Convention may prescribe for the organization and government and admission of Parishes composing the same; that a condition precedent to the admission of new Parishes shall be that all lands and property of said Parish, or held for its use, shall be conveyed to said corporation to be held under this Act; and that no lands or other property, or money given at any time for the use and benefit of said Church, or of said Parish, or any religious, charitable or educational institution thereof, shall be sold, mortgaged or withdrawn from this Church by any Parish or congregation, except by consent of said corporation, given as in case where property is allowed to be sold under this Act. The property or funds of any Parish or mission station which has or may become extinct be, and is hereby, invested in said corporation, and may be sold or disposed of as other property under this Act.

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That any Parish heretofore organized in union with said Church, desiring to have the property now or hereafter owned by said Parish made subject to the provisions of this Act, may, at a meeting of the congregation, of which one month's notice at public service on Sunday shall have been given in the Parish Church, by resolution adopted by a majority of the male communicants over twenty-one years of age who have communed within twelve months, assembled at such meeting, declare their wish and intention that all the property of said Parish, then owned or subsequently acquired, shall be held subject to the provisions of this Act, and the tenure of which shall be secured to said Church, according to the provision of this Act; and that a copy of said resolution, certified by the President and Secretary of said meeting, shall be recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate as incorporations are recorded, and thenceforth all the property of said Parish shall be subject to the provisions of this Act, in accordance with said resolution; and the adoption of such resolution shall be certified to the Diocesan Convention by the President and Secretary of such meeting. And the adoption of such resolution, after the same shall have been recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate, shall be, and is hereby made, a full and sufficient authority for the Vestry or other officers of any Parish, or for any Trustee or Trustees holding title to any property for any such Parish, to convey all such property to the said corporation, to be held for the use and benefit of such Parish, according to the terms and provisions of this Act.

Nothing herein contained shall affect the method of incorporating a Parish or congregation under the general laws of this State, or the method of conducting the affairs of any Parish or congregation not inconsistent with this Act, but all property of said Parish shall be conveyed to said corporation and held under this Act.

[APPENDIX G.]

To the Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D., President of the Convention:

DEAR SIR—I herewith render my annual report for the past year. I have received only one paper, which is a deed from Mrs. Mary Witt to the Church lot at Bon Secour, Baldwin county, Ala. Said deed is dated November 2, 1885, and was received by me November 9, 1885.

Respectfully submitted,

T. GARDNER FOSTER,

May 19, 1886. *Registrar.*

[APPENDIX H.]

To the General Convention of the Church in the United States, Assembled in Chicago, A. D. 1886.

The Diocesan Council of Alabama, in Session at Grace Church, Anniston, this 21st Day of May, 1886, Respectfully Represents:

(a) That there was in the Early Church a distinct order of Readers, as the Ancient Canons and Liturgies fully shew.

(b) That the services of Laymen are being utilized in the office of Readers, in the Church of England and the English Colonial Churches, and in a few of our own Dioceses, with excellent results.

(c) That, although a certain Canon exists in this Church, touching this matter, yet the employment of Readers is not fully appreciated, and the Church suffers for want of using the energy she possesses.

(d) That Canon 9, Title 1, Section 5, on the dress worn by Readers, is subject to misapprehension.

(e) That it is desirable to take new action in the premises, and to place the Order of Readers on a permanent footing.

And the said Diocesan Council therefore suggests that the existing Canon concerning Readers be repealed, and that the following Canon, or one substantially like it, be enacted instead thereof:

(PROPOSED CANON)

CONCERNING THE ORDER OF READERS.

1. It shall be the office and duty of the Bishop, in every Diocese and Jurisdiction, to examine, license, and appoint fit persons to exercise the functions of Readers; and one Reader shall be thus appointed, if possible, to every Parish, Church, Chapel or separate Mission.

2. The persons so to be appointed shall be men of good repute and sufficient learning, regular Communicants in this Church, of the age of twenty-three years at least; but this limit of age shall not be applied to exclude postulants for Holy Orders from acting as Readers.

3. The specific duty of a Reader shall be to assist the Clergy in conducting public worship, and to hold services when the Clergy are absent.

4. When no priest of the Church is present and officiating, the Reader shall commence the Morning or Evening office with the Lord's Prayer,

omitting the Sentences, Exhortation, Confession and Absolution. He shall in no case read any part of the Communion office, excepting the Offertory Sentences, which he may read when the offerings of the Congregation are collected. He shall not use any form of Benediction, excepting that which is taken from 2 Cor., xiii. 14, nor shall he perform any Sacerdotal function. He shall not prepare sermons, but shall have authority to read sermons, under the guidance of the Rector, or, if there be no Rector, of the Bishop.

5. The canonical dress of a Reader shall be a short surplice worn over a cassock, without any stole or other ecclesiastical vestment or ornament.

6. The names and addresses of the Readers shall be entered in the returns of Diocesan statistics, after those of the Clergy.

7. The Bishop shall have summary power to suspend or cancel the license of any Reader in his Diocese or Jurisdiction.

[APPENDIX I.]

Proceedings of Meeting and Treasurer's Report Widows and Orphans Society.

MOBILE, ALA, May 21, 1885.

The Society was called to order in Trinity Church by the President.

The roll was called and the following members answered to their names:

RT. REV. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

Rev. J. M. Banister, D. D.,	Rev. R. W. Barnwell,
" T. J. Beard,	" W. Carnahan,
" R. H. Cobbs, D. D.,	" Jno. A. Harrison, D. D.,
" J. S. Johnston,	" W. W. Kimball,
" F. B. Lee,	" Stewart McQueen,
" B. F. Mower,	" E. W. Spalding, D. D.,
" S. U. Smith,	" J. F. Smith,
" W. A. Stickney,	" Horace Stringfellow, D. D.,
" J. L. Tucker, D. D.,	" Geo. R. Upton.
" DeB. Waddell.	

Messrs. C. E. Waller, W. W. Screws, R. M. Nelson.

The following report was presented and read:

The Executive Committee of the Society for Relief of Disabled Clergymen, and the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, was called to order by the President in Selma, Ala., May 10, 1884.

A quorum was found to be present. They instructed the Treasurer to send Mrs. Ticknor the sum of fifty dollars, and Mrs. Porter the sum of twenty-five dollars.

On motion, the Committee adjourned.

R. H. COBBS, *Secretary.*

On motion this report was received and concurred in.

The Treasurer presented his report, which was received, and on motion referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. W. A. Stickney, Rev. Stewart McQueen and Mr. C. E. Waller.

This Committee reported that they had audited the account, and found everything correct. On motion this report was received and concurred in.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Mr. C. E. Waller be requested to remind the various Rectors of the obligation to take an offering in behalf of the Society, and to suggest that, if in all respects convenient, Christmas day be named as the time for such offering.

R. M. Nelson was nominated and elected Treasurer of the Society.

R. H. Cobbs was nominated and elected Secretary.

Rev. R. W. Barnewell and Mr. C. E. Waller were elected members of the Executive Committee.

On motion, the Society adjourned *sine die.*

RICH'D H. WILMER,
President Ex-Officio.

R. H. COBBS, *Secretary.*

R. M. NELSON, *Treasurer, in Account with*

THE SOCIETY FOR RELIEF OF DISABLED CLERGYMEN, AND THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED CLERGYMEN.

1884. RECEIPTS.

May 10—To balance in Treasury	$ 572 25
COLLECTIONS.	
Union Springs, Rev. DeB. Waddell	5 00
St. Matthew's, Autaugaville	1 00
St. Mark's, Prattville	1 00
St. Paul's, Selma	5 00
St. Paul's, Carlowville	5 00
St. Paul's, Selma	19 00
St. Paul's, Greensboro	5 00
St. Andrew's, Macon	4 00
Grace Church, Anniston	15 00
Trinity Church, Demopolis	19 20
St. Stephen's, Eutaw	5 90
Trinity Church, Mobile	20 00
LIFE MEMBERSHIP.	
Jos. L. Perkins, Selma	50 00
ANNUAL DUES, 1884–5.	
David Buell	5 00
C. E. Waller	5 00
Wm. A. Bibb	5 00
Mrs. F. Toulmin	5 00
Alonzo Hill	5 00
Henry A. Tayloe	5 00
C. L. Stickney	5 00
W. W. Screws	5 00
Mrs. Hardaway Young	5 00
Wm. A. Bibb	5 00
F. J. McCoy	5 00
C. E. Waller	5 00
D. G. Dunklin	5 00
COLLECTIONS.	
Rev. F. B. Lee, St. Paul's, Carlowville	8 00
Rev. W. A. Stickney, for F. M. Dansby	2 00
" " " " Ch. Holy Cross, Uniontown	3 85
" " " " St. Alban's, Brown's Sta'n	3 75
" Stewart McQueen, St. Wilfrid's, Marion	5 00
" T. J. Beard, Church Advent, Birmingham	9 50
INTEREST.	
One $10,000, Class A, Bonds @ 3 per cent Registered	300 00
" $500 " " " " " Coupon	15 00
" $500 6 per cent Bond, Coupon	30 00
" $3,000 Georgia Registered Bonds @ 7 per cent	210 00
Other interest	45 78
Total	$1,425 23

1884. DISBURSEMENTS.

May 10—By cash to Mrs. J. H. Ticknor, by order of Executive Committee	$ 50 00
By cash to Mrs. Porter, by order Ex. Committee	25 00
1885. April—By Class A Coupon bond, bought through M. G. Hudson & Co	877 50
" Balance cash on hand	472 73
	$1,425 23

ASSETS.

Ten (10) Class A Registered Alabama Bonds, each	$1,000	$10,000 00
One (1) " " Coupon " "	1,000	1,000 00
One (1) " " " " "	500	500 00
One (1) 6 per cent. " " "	500	500 00
Three (3) 7 per cent. Georgia Bonds, 1886, each	1,000	3 000 00
		$15,000 00
Cash on hand		472 73

ANNISTON, ALA., May 21st, 1886.

The Society was called to order by the President in Grace Church. The Roll was called and the following members answered to their names:

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

Rev. J. M. Banister, D. D.	Rev. R. W. Barnewell,
" T. J. Beard,	" W. Carnahan,
" R. H. Cobbs, D. D.,	" Jas. S. Johnston,
" S. McQueen,	" B. F. Mower,
" J. F. Smith,	" W. A. Stickney,
" H. Stringfellow, D. D.,	" J. H. Stringfellow,
" J. L. Tucker, D. D.,	" G. C. Tucker,
" G. R. Upton,	" DeB. Waddell.

Mr. James Bond, Mr. D. G. Dunkling, Mr. R. M. Nelson.

A quorum was found to be present.

The following Report was presented and read:

The Executive Committee of the Society for Relief of Disabled Clergymen, and of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, was called to order by the President, in Trinity Church, Mobile, May 22d, 1885. A quorum was present.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to send Mrs. Ticknor the sum of fifty dollars, and Mrs. Porter the sum of twenty-five dollars.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That $100.00 be sent to Rev. F. B. Lee, and that this action shall in no way affect the status of his claim against the Society.

RICHARD H. WILMER,
President.

R. H. COBBS, *Secretary.*

This Report was received and, on motion, was concurred in.

The Treasurer presented his Report, which was received and read, and on motion was referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. W. A. Stickney, Rev. B. F. Mower, Mr. D. G. Dunkling. This Committee reported the

account to be correct, and this Report was, on motion, received and concurred in.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Mr. C. E. Waller be requested to remind the various Rectors of the obligation to take an offering in behalf of the Society, and to suggest, that, if in all respects convenient, Christmas Day should be named as the time for such offering.

R. H. Cobbs was elected Secretary, R. M. Nelson, Treasurer; and Rev. R. W. Barnewell and Mr. C. E. Waller, members of the Executive Committee.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

RICHARD H. WILMER,
President.

R. H. COBBS, *Secretary.*

R. M. NELSON, *Treasurer, in Account with*

THE SOCIETY FOR RELIEF OF DISABLED CLERGYMEN, AND THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED CLERGYMEN.

1885. RECEIPTS.

May 22—	To balance on hand at last Convention	$472 73	
Nov. 30—	" cash Rev. R. H. Cobbs, St. Paul's, Greensboro	5 00	
" " "	cash Rev. R. H. Cobbs, St. Andrew's Macon	5 00	
Dec. 9—	" " Rev. S. U. Smith, Mrs. B Pierce $2.00 and her Sunday School Class, $1.05	3 05	
" 25—	" cash Rev. D. Stringfellow, St. John's, Montgomery	48 60	
" " "	cash St. Paul's, Selma	27 95	
" 28—	" " Rev. S. U. Smith	35	
" " "	" Trinity Church, Demopolis	24 40	
" 29—	" " Church Advent, Birmingham	16 00	
" 30—	" " Rev. W. Carnahan, Grace Church, Anniston	26 50	
1886.			
Jan. 18—	To cash B. F. Mower, Trinity, Florence	5 50	
" " "	" " " St. John's, Tuscumbia	5 00	
" " "	" J. H. Stringfellow, Christ Church, Tuscaloosa	21 25	
" 9—	" cash J. H. Fitts for Rev. P. A. Fitts	108 00	
" 20—	" " Rev., E. W. Spalding, St. James, Eufaula	8 35	
" 21—	" cash Rev. W. A. Stickney, Holy Cross, Uniontown	6 00	
" 22—	" cash Rev. A. W. Pierce	1 00	
Feb. 12—	" " St. John's, Mobile	10 00	
Apl. 26—	" " J. S. Johnson, Trinity, Mobile	13 00	
May 2—	" " W. A. Stickney, St. Alban's, Brown's Station	2 40	
	" 3 per cent. interest on $10,000, Class A Bonds. Registered	300 00	
	" 3 per cent. interest on $2,000, Class A Bonds, Coupons	60 00	
	" 6 per cent. interest on $500, Ala. 6 per ct. Bonds, Coupon	30 00	
	" 7 per cent. interest on $3,000 Georgia Reg. Bonds	210 00	
	" Other interests	18 20	$1,428 28

	Amount brought forward		$1,428 28
1885.	DISBURSEMENTS.		
May 30—By cash to Rev. F. B. Lee, order Ex. Com.		$100 00	
" " " " " Mrs. J. H. Ticknor, " "		50 00	
" " " " " Mrs. Porter		25 00	
" " " Error in claim Dr. Harrison		4 20	
" " " Class A Bond, No. 6238, and Expressage		500 80	—$ 680 00
	Balance on hand		$ 748 28

ASSETS.			Par Val.	Mk't. Val.
1 Class A Bond, Registered	No.	437	$1,000	$1,025 00
2 " " " "	No.	438	1,000	1,025 00
3 " " " "	No.	439	1,000	1,025 00
4 " " " "	No.	440	1,000	1,025 00
5 " " " "	No.	441	1,000	1,025 00
6 " " " "	No.	442	1,000	1,025 00
7 " " " "	No.	443	1,000	1,025 00
8 " " " "	No.	517	1,000	1,025 00
9 " " " "	No.	518	1,000	1,025 00
10 " " " "	No.	519	1,000	1,025 00
1 " " " Coupon	No.	3828	1,000	1,025 00
2 " " " "	No.	6318	500	512 50
3 " " " "	No.	6238	500	512 50
1 Ala. 6 per ct. Bond, "	No.	733	500	540 00
1 Ga. Bond 7 per cent. 1886	No.	479	1,000	1,035 00
2 " " " " "	No.	1022	1,000	1,035 00
3 " " " " "	No.	1235	1,000	1,035 00
			$15,500	$15,945 00

[APPENDIX J.]

Recognizing the inestimable blessing which would accrue to a United Church, and the incalculable loss of Christian energy growing out of a disunited one; and believing that in some fields of labor, notably the Missionary, that a positive injury is done the advance of the Christian religion by the present denominational jealousies and antagonisms; and further believing that it behooves this Church, to whom the oracles of God are, as it were, more particularly confided, to make every advance and effort to bring about a better state of things. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Convention hails with joy the action taken by the Convention of the Diocese of Louisiana in re-opening this matter, and assures it our hearty sympathy and co-operation; and further

Resolved, That to emphasize our sympathy, this Convention does hereby humbly memorialize the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America to favorably consider the Memorial of the Diocese of Louisiana, and to take definite action thereon, instructing the Commissioners to make every advance needed to bring about a better feeling and a closer relationship among Protestant Christians, and to leave no effort untried to arrive at some satisfactory plan of united action.

[APPENDIX K.]

Rules of Order.

I. After the introductory services, which shall be conducted under the direction of the Bishop, or, in his absence, of the Rector of the Parish in which the Convention is held, or of the Presiding officer of the Convention, the order of proceedings shall be as follows:

1. The appointment of a temporary Chairman, (in case there be no Bishop, or if the Bishop be absent,) by the Clerical members present.

2. The Secretary of the last previous Convention, or, in his absence, a temporary Secretary appointed by the Chair, shall then call in alphabetical order the names of the Clergy entitled to seats. He shall next call the Churches entitled to representation, when the Deputies shall lay their certificates on the Secretary's table. These shall be referred to a Committee of three, who shall forthwith examine them, and report to the Convention. A constitutional quorum having been found present, the Chairman shall declare the Convention duly organized, or ready for organization.

3 The election of a President from the Clerical members present (if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent.)

4. The election of a Secretary, who may appoint an Assistant.

5. The consideration of the application of Churches or Parishes for admission into union with the Convention.

6. The Appointment by the President, of Standing Committees, viz:

The Committee on the State of the Church.
The Committee on Canons.
The Committee on Finance.
The Committee on Unfinished Business.
The Committee on Parochial Reports

7. The annual communication of Standing Committee of the Diocese.

8 The annual address of the Bishop.

9. The report of the Committees appointed at the last Convention, with instructions to report at this Convention.

10. The reading of Parochial Reports

11. The election of Standing Committee of the Diocese, by ballot.

12. The election of Deputies to the General Convention, by ballot.

13. Reports of Officers and Committees.

14. Miscellaneous Business.

II. After the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall stand up, unless to address the President.

III. When a member is about to speak in debate, or present any subject to the Convention, he shall with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the matter under consideration.

IV. No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the Convention, unless he have leave of the President, or be unable to attend.

V. No member shall speak more than twice upon the subject in debate, unless by general consent.

VI. A question once determined shall stand as the decision of the Convention, and shall not be again discussed, unless with consent of two-thirds of the Convention: *Provided*, however, that any member of the Convention voting in the affirmative may, on the same day on which the vote is taken, or on the following day, move for a reconsideration of the said vote.

VII. No motion, or other proposition, shall be considered by the Convention, unless it is seconded.

VIII. All motions or resolutions shall be reduced to writing by the mover, if so desired by any member, and read by the Secretary, except motions to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone, to commit, or for the previous question.

IX. When any proposition is under consideration, no other proposition shall be entertained, (unless by general consent,) except motions to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, for the previous question, to divide, to commit, to postpone to a time specified, or to amend, which motions shall take precedence in the order here written.

X. Motions to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, and for the previous question, shall be decided without debate.

XI. Every member who shall be present when the question is put shall vote, unless he be personally interested, or be excused from voting by the Convention.

XII. The Rules of Order may at any time be suspended by a vote of two-thirds of the Convention present, if such number be a quorum.

XIII. All questions of order not herein provided for shall de determined by the usually recognized rules of parliamentary practice—especially as laid down in Cushing's Manual.

THE

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